

Proceedings
Of The
Grand Lodge
Of
Ancient, Free and Accepted
Masons
Of
North Carolina



2018



Speed Hallman
Grand Master 2018

Charles Speed Hallman

Charles Speed Hallman was elected to serve as North Carolina's 165th Grand Master of Masons on Sept. 23, 2017, at the Annual Communication in Winston-Salem. He was installed Dec. 2, 2017, at the Carolina Inn in Chapel Hill.

Hallman was appointed Junior Grand Steward by Grand Master-elect Lewis Ledford in 2010.

He was born in Charlotte on April 18, 1960, to Charles Franklin Hallman and Anne Dixon Speed Hallman of Marshville in Union County. He graduated from the University of North Carolina School of Journalism and Mass Communication in 1982.

After graduation, he worked in the Washington, DC, office of US Rep. Bill Hefner, then became director of the Appalachian State University News Bureau, earning a master's degree from Appalachian while working for the university. He returned to UNC-Chapel Hill in 1994 to work in development and communications for the College of Arts and Sciences, the university development office and the journalism school. He directed communications for UNC's \$2.3 billion Carolina First Campaign.

He later rose to associate dean for development and alumni affairs for the School of Journalism, then moved to the university's Pharmacy School development office. His responsibilities in both positions included fundraising for major gifts and overseeing the annual fund and alumni functions.

He retired Sept. 1, 2016, and continued working in development communications for the UNC's Rams Club, development office, and Pharmacy Foundation on a contract basis.

Hallman was raised in Hillsborough's Eagle Lodge 19 in 1999. As master in 2004, he helped create the Historic Eagle Lodge Foundation, a tax-exempt organization chartered to support renovations and restoration of the 1823 lodge building. He also led efforts to preserve and catalog Eagle Lodge's historic documents by transferring them to the Southern Historical Collection at UNC and opened the lodge for community events and public activities. He is a charter member of Mosaic Lodge 762 in Chapel Hill and Lux Libertas 772 in Hillsborough, and is a member of Sophia Lodge 767, Wilkerson College Lodge 760, and Kilwinning Lodge 64. He is an honorary member of Blackmer Lodge 127, Veritas Lodge 769, Cannon Memorial Lodge 626, and Temple Lodge 676.

His Grand Lodge assignments before appointment to the officer line included the Board of General Purposes, the board of WhiteStone: A Masonic and Eastern Star Community, the Masonic Ceremonies and

Miscellaneous Publications Committee, and the Charles E. Cathey Scholarship Committee. He also served as an instructor for Wilkerson College. A member of the Greensboro Valley of the Scottish Rite, he was coroneted a 33° Inspector General Honorary in Washington, DC, on Aug. 25, 2015. He is a member of the Greensboro York Rite bodies, the NC Piedmont York Rite College #124 and the North Carolina College of Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis. During his year as Grand Master he was inducted into National Sojourners and the Heroes of '76. He received the Grand Cross of Color from the International Order of the Rainbow Girls in 2017.

Hallman served on UNC's University History Council, the Chapel Hill Historical Society Board of Directors, and the State Employees' Credit Union Chapel Hill Advisory Board. He chaired the board of Eno Publishers in Hillsborough, the Sierra Club's Blue Ridge Group in Boone, and the Watauga County Hunger Coalition. In 1989, he participated in a Rotary International Group Study Exchange to East Africa.

He married Susan Walters Hallman, a fellow UNC graduate, in 1987. They moved to Wadesboro, her hometown, in 2017 and are members of Calvary Episcopal Church.

The Hallmans have two sons: Jason, a human resources specialist for the US Office of Personnel Management in Raleigh; and Thomas, a graduate student at Lund University in Sweden. Both are graduates of UNC.

Past Grand Masters

A list of the Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina from 1787 to 2018 inclusive, and dates when elected.

Samuel Johnston	1787, 1789–91	Robert Bingham	1882–84
Richard Caswell	1788	Fabius H. Busbee	1885–86
Wm. R. Davie	1792–98	C. H. Robinson	1887–88
William Polk	1799–1801	Samuel H. Smith	1889–90
John L. Taylor	1802–04, 1814–16	Hezekiah A. Gudger	1891–92
John Hall	1805–07	John W. Cotten	1893–94
Benjamin Smith	1808–10	Frances M. Moye	1895–96
Robert Williams	1811–13	Walter E. Moore	1897–98
Calvin Jones	1817–19	Richard J. Noble	1899
John A. Cameron	1820–21	B. S. Royster	1900–01
James S. Smith	1822	H. I. Clark	1902–03
Robert Strange	1823–24	W. S. Liddell	1904–05
H. G. Burton	1825–26	Francis D. Winston	1906–07
L. D. Wilson	1827–29	Samuel M. Gattis	1908–09
R. D. Spaight Jr.	1830–31	Richard N. Hackett	1910–11
S. J. Baker	1832	W. B. McKoy	1912
S. F. Patterson	1833–34	F. M. Winchester	1913
L. H. Marsteller	1835–36	John T. Alderman	1914
D. W. Stone	1837–39	F. P. Hobgood Jr.	1915
S. J. Baker	1840	A. B. Andrews Jr.	1916
D. L. Crenshaw	1841	Claude L. Pridgen	1917
J. H. Wheeler	1842–43	George S. Norfleet	1918
P. W. Fanning	1844–46	Henry A. Grady	1919
W. F. Collins	1847–49	James C. Braswell	1920
A. J. Jenkins	1850–52	J. Bailey Owen	1921
Clement H. Jordan	1853–54	James H. Webb	1922
P. A. Holt	1855–56	Hubert McN. Poteat	1923
Alfred Martin	1857–58	James LeG. Everett	1924
Lewis S. Williams	1859–60	Leon Cash	1925
W. G. Hill	1861	John E. Cameron	1926
E. F. Watson	1862–63	John H. Anderson	1927
John McCormick	1864	Raymond C. Dunn	1928
E. G. Reade	1865–66	John J. Phoenix	1929
R. W. Best	1867	E. W. Timberlake Jr.	1930
Robert B. Vance	1868–69	J. W. Winborne	1931
Charles C. Clark	1870–71	H. C. Alexander	1932
John Nichols	1872–73	P. T. Wilson	1933
George W. Blount	1874–75	R. F. Ebbs	1934
Horace H. Munson	1867–77	Charles B. Newcomb	1935
William R. Cox	1878–79	J. Giles Hudson	1936
Henry F. Grainger	1880–81	Watson N. Sherrod	1937

Harry T. Patterson	1938	Jacob C. Goodman Jr.	1978
J. Edward Allen	1939	William B. Bellois	1979
Thomas J. Harkins	1940	E. Stansil Aldridge	1980
Charles P. Eldridge.	1941	Nelson B. Banks	1981
James E. Shipman	1942	A. C. Honeycutt	1982
James W. Payne	1943	Cecil J. Liverman	1983
Julius C. Hobbs	1944	I. Boyd Hopkins	1984
Clyde H. Jarrett	1945	Norburn C. Hyatt.	1985
William J. Bundy	1946	Walter F. McCall.	1986
Luther T. Hartsell Jr.	1947	Eddie P. Stiles.	1987
Maxwell E. Hoffman.	1948	Lee Roy Thomas Jr.	1988
Wilkins P. Horton.	1949	Jerry G. Tart.	1989
Wallace E. Caldwell	1950	Bunn T. Phillips Jr.	1990
Herbert M. Foy	1951	Lester Poindexter Martin Jr.	1991
William H. White	1952	Ray Norris	1992
Edwin T. Howard	1953	Richard G. Moore	1993
Robert L. Pugh	1954	William Bailey Brunk	1994
Charles H. Pugh	1955	Clifton W. Everett Jr.	1995
John C. Vance	1956	William H. Simpson	1996
Charles A. Harris	1957	Gerry T. Smith	1997
James G. Johnston	1958	Thomas W. Gregory	1998
W. Eli Hand	1959	Charles M. Ingram	1999
Harvey W. Smith	1960	Charles E. Cathey	2000
James W. Brewer	1961	William G. Mathis	2001
Charles C. Ricker	1962	Jerry R. Tillet	2002
W. Edward Burrier.	1963	Charles A. Lewis Jr.	2003
G. Dudley Humphrey	1964	Leonard Y. Safrin Jr.	2004
Sam A. Hennis Jr.	1965	Graham W. Pervier.	2005
Arnold J. Koonce	1966	Gene T. Jernigan	2006
Alfred A. Kafer Jr.	1967	W. Berry Rigdon	2007
Robert N. Bass Jr.	1968	David R. Cash	2008
William A. Hooks	1969	Dan C. Rice	2009
Maurice E. Walsh	1970	William L. Dill	2010
William W. Mims Jr.	1971	Lewis R. Ledford.	2011
Berl M. Kahn	1972	Robert E. Gresham, Jr.	2012
Nathaniel C. Dean	1973	Dewey R. Preslar, Jr.	2013
William L. Mills Jr.	1974	Dalton W. Mayo	2014
S. Frank Noble Jr.	1975	Douglas L. Caudle.	2015
Leslie H. Garner	1976	Bryant D. Webster	2016
J. Earl Watson	1977	A. Gene Cobb, Jr.	2017

Officers of the Grand Lodge of AF & AM of North Carolina 2018

Elected Officers

Charles Speed Hallman (19)	Grand Master
Dwight M. Sigmon (248).....	Deputy Grand Master
P. Shaun Bradshaw (428).....	Senior Grand Warden
R. David Wicker, Jr. (750).....	Junior Grand Warden
Lewis R. Ledford (27).....	Grand Treasurer
T. Walton Clapp, III (237)	Grand Secretary

Appointed Officers

Larry B. Thompson, Jr. (127).....	Senior Grand Deacon
Kevan D. Frazier (118).....	Junior Grand Deacon
Donald E. Kehler (409).....	Grand Marshall
Robert W. Rideout (155)	Grand Steward
Steve M. Norris (727).....	Grand Steward
James G. Jones, Jr. (102)	Grand Chaplain
John W. Speed (412)	Grand Tyler
Donald M. Helton (19).....	Grand Lecturer
Michael W. Brantley (500)	Grand Historian
Dan C. Rice (409)	Grand Orator
James R. Stevens, Jr. (701).....	Judge Advocate

Living Past Grand Officers

L. R. Thomas, Jr (724).....	Grand Master 1988
Bunn T. Phillips, Jr (495).....	Grand Master 1990
Lester P. Martin, Jr (134)	Grand Master 1991
Richard G. Moore (544)	Grand Master 1993
William B. Brunk (40)	Grand Master 1994
Gerry T. Smith (741).....	Grand Master 1997
Thomas W. Gregory (27).....	Grand Master 1998
Charles M. Ingram (13).....	Grand Master 1999
William G. Mathis (138).....	Grand Master 2001
Jerry R. Tillett (521).....	Grand Master 2002
Charles A. Lewis, Jr (1).....	Grand Master 2003
Leonard Y. Safrit, Jr (109).....	Grand Master 2004
Graham W. Pervier (707)	Grand Master 2005
Gene T. Jernigan (206).....	Grand Master 2006
W. Berry Rigdon (472).....	Grand Master 2007
David R. Cash (374).....	Grand Master 2008
Dan C. Rice (409)	Grand Master 2009
William L. Dill (3).....	Grand Master 2010
Lewis R. Ledford (27).....	Grand Master 2011
Robert E. Gresham, Jr (703).....	Grand Master 2012
Dewey R. Preslar, Jr (576)	Grand Master 2013
Dalton W. Mayo (98).....	Grand Master 2014
Douglas L. Caudle (27)	Grand Master 2015
Bryant D. Webster (650).....	Grand Master 2016
A. Gene Cobb, Jr (2).....	Grand Master 2017
William L. Mills, III (32)	Deputy Grand Master 2000
Jimmie B. Hicks, Jr (3).....	Senior Grand Warden 2016

Boards and Committees

Board of General Purposes

Speed Hallman (19) Grand Master
Dwight M. Sigmon (248) Deputy Grand Master
P. Shaun Bradshaw (428) Senior Grand Warden
R. David Wicker, Jr. (750) Junior Grand Warden
Lewis R. Ledford (27) Grand Treasurer
T. Walton Clapp, III (237) Grand Secretary
2018—Dan C. Rice, PGM (409) 2018—John D. Cashion (435)
2019—Philip R. Johnson (106) 2019—Douglas L. Caudle, PGM (27)
2020—Ollie W. Faison, Jr (19) 2020—Michael A. Register (493)

Board of Custodians

Speed Hallman (19) Grand Master
Donald M. Helton (19) Grand Lecturer
2018—Thomas P. Dolinger (746), Secretary 2018—Michael A. Register (493)
2019—Russell E. Jones (83) 2019—James L. Ammons (97)
2020—Steve M. Norris (727) 2020—Herbert C. Lyon (210)

Drewry Memorial Grand Secretary Trust

Speed Hallman (19) Grand Master
Lewis R. Ledford (27) Grand Treasurer
T. Walton Clapp, III (237) Grand Secretary
2018—James L. Ammons (97) 2018—D. Michael May (277)

Board of Directors NC Masonic Foundation

2018—Michael A. Faulkenbury (1), President 2020—Leonard Y. Safrit, Jr, PGM (109)
2019—Robert E. Gresham, Jr, PGM (703), VP 2020—Dan C. Rice, PGM (409)
2021—Guy E. Cline, III (363)

Board Of Directors Masonic Home for Children at Oxford

Speed Hallman (19) Grand Master
Dwight M. Sigmon (248) Deputy Grand Master
P. Shaun Bradshaw (428) Senior Grand Warden
R. David Wicker, Jr. (750) Junior Grand Warden - Observer
2018—Dewey R. Preslar (576), Chairman 2018—Jon W. Welborn (27)
2019—Michael J. Sterling (500) 2019—James A. Sessoms (98)
2020—Donald R. Steichen (735) 2020—Raul E. Herrera (19)

Board of Directors of WhiteStone

Speed Hallman (19) Grand Master
Dwight M. Sigmon (248) Deputy Grand Master
P. Shaun Bradshaw (428) Senior Grand Warden
R. David Wicker, Jr. (750) Junior Grand Warden - Observer
2018—Billy L. Price, Jr. (709) 2018—Michael J. Fischer (669)
2018—Steven A. Green (118) 2019—Joseph R. Geller (746)
2019—Joseph K. Transou (434) 2019—Jon A. Canupp (755)
2020—Gene T. Jernigan, PGM (206) 2020—Gilbert D. Bailey (693)
2020—Bryant D. Webster, PGM (650)

Representative to George Washington National Masonic Memorial

2018—R. David Wicker, Junior Grand Warden (750)

Charles A. Lewis, Jr, PGM, Chairman (1)

Committee on Charity

Johnny C. Surles (81)

Committee on Necrology

James G. Jones, Jr (102), Chairman

Board of Publication of NC Mason

2018—William E. Warnock (408) , Chairman 2019—John R. Beaman, III (127)

2020—John S. Dodd (656) 2021—Ollie W. Faison, Jr (19)

2022—Kenneth W. Lambert (693)

Committee on Permanent Building

2018—Edward R. Johnson, II, Chairman (745) 2019—Douglas R. Dorney, Jr (198)

2020—Matthew C. Robbins (770)

Committee on WhiteStone

Kevan D. Frazier (118) Chairman

Chance B. Corbin (97)

Thomas O. McCall (446)

Timothy M. Taylor (272)

Christopher V. Wilhoit (248)

Wayne R. Lambertson (53)

Timothy A. Swaringen (348)

Bruce E. Gordon (19)

Jonathan S. Johnson (147)

Committee on MHCO at Oxford

Larry B. Thomson, Jr, Chairman (127)

Gregory N. Flowers (602)

Timothy M. Willett (143)

Craig P. Steelman (265)

Thomas A. VanEtten (626)

Junior J. Caldwell (680)

Frank D. Wanko (484)

Marcus A. Sessoms (528)

Unfinished Business

William T. Clifford, Chairman (771)

GM Committee on Youth Organizations

Russell E. Bridges, Chairman (262)

Mark A. Carr (27)

Frederick A. Szakasits (395)

Matthew D. Hunt (699)

Alfred R. Serff (19)

Committee on Masonic Education

2018—Anthony J. Rathbone (650), Chairman

2018—John H. Frechette (760)

2019—Steve V. Cates (129)

2019—Michael T. Daniels (732)

2019—Stephen R. Barrell (762)

2020—Robert J. Morrell, Jr (680)

2020—Jerry R. Browning III (127)

2020—C. Richard Patton (663)

Committee on Subordinate Lodge Special Activities

2018—William C. Barrett, IV (117)

2019—James L. Medlin, Chairman (358)

2020—Todd E. Trivette (573)

Committee on Masonic Public Relations

2018—Thomas A. Pope, Jr. (730)

2019—J. Currie Pendleton(576), Chairman

2020—Shawn F. Brown (127)

2021—Albert J. Terrell, III (401)

2022—Russell A. Swindell, II (500)

Library Committee

Jonathan A. Underwood (703), Chairman

David M. Alford (155)

Steven A. Campbell (127)

Daniel L. Hopping (218)

Jason C. Lentz (762)

Ben Sorenson (1)

Michael J.O. Verville (19)

Scholarship Committee

2022--Joseph B. Walls (701), Chairman

2019 Harold M. Brewer (703)

2020 John B. Dunn (7)

2021 James D. Richardson (694)

2022 Jeffrey J. Troccoli (408)

Grand Lodge Personnel Committee

P. Shaun Bradshaw (428), Senior Grand Warden

Ralph D. Wicker, Jr (750), Junior Grand Warden

Larry B. Thompson, Jr. (127), Senior Grand Deacon - Observer

2019 Gene T. Jernigan (206)

2019 Charles B. Jones (198)

2020 Dalton W. Mayo (98)

Risk Management Committee

Albin B. Swindell, IV, Chairman (122)

Steven A. Campbell (127)

Michael A. Register (493)

Johnny C. Surles (81)

Brian J. Curran (762)

North Carolina Eagle Scout Task Force

Ludwick J. Wodka, Chairman (198)

Charles A. Lewis, Jr, PGM (1)

Homer T. Dearmin (493)

William T. Highsmith, Jr. (500)

Stancil W. Wilson (344)

District Officers

District Deputy Grand Master	District	District Deputy Grand Lecturer
Benjamin G. Roberts, Jr.	1	Douglas H. Brickhouse
Jerry O. Combs	2	Christopher S. East
Ronald T. Parrish	3	Hyler W. Cox
Robert J. Morrell, Jr.	4	Dennis R. Kyle
Brian K. Phelps	5	James L. Sanderlin
William D. Campbell	6	Charlie L. Hall
Bobby L. Meadows	7	Richard L. Smith
James M. Bohannon	8	James W. Cook, Jr.
Joseph T. Fuller	9	James D. Davis
Christopher J. Weaver	10	Michael C. Saviak, III
Benjamin W. Burger	11	James T. Hairr
Perry H. Sellers	12	John A. Shawver
William C. Chriscoe	13	Christopher W. Dement
Craig J. Horton	14	Jeffrey A. Sank
Todd H. Dyches	15	Tommy R. Mills
Ted M. Sherrod	16	David R. Ellis
Michael L. Wyatt	17	Daniel L. Short
William A. McRae, II	18	Homer E. Burroughs, Jr.
Michael C. Kenlan	19	Herbert C. Lyon
Terry E. Byrd	20	Bradley T. Wrenn
Paul A. Tate	21	Frank D. Wanko
Clyde A. Billings, Jr.	22	Matthew W. Cockman
Jeffrey L. Bullington	23	Christopher L. Wright
Donald H. Bulla	24	Roger L. Millner
Samuel J. Carson	25	Stephen M. McCraw
Jon A. Canupp	26	Billy J. Joyce
Jimmy L. Myers	27	Roy C. West
Robert A. Burgess, Jr.	28	Andrew R. Hartman
Michael D. Simpson	29	James R. Mills
Timothy A. Jones	30	Lance B. Hegler
Stephen T. Hamlin	31	Philip R. Kuhn
Edward J. Steel	32	Brian M. Turner
Dwight E. Church	33	Phillip M. Alexander
Curtis R. Sharpe, Jr.	34	Brandon L. Penley
Yates K. Warlock, Jr.	35	Charles A. Hicklin
Christopher L. Hall	36	Leonard R. Cherry
Steve W. Gouge	37	Lloyd Hise, Jr.
Dewey H. Webb	38	Claude R. Harrill
Jack R. Barnett	39	Benjamin A. Sims
Boyd E. Canter	40	Andrew B. Smith
Michael B. Gregory	41	Charles E. McCowan

First Day Morning Session

At 10:00 A.M. Friday, September 21, 2018, at the Twin City Quarter in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina was called to order by Brother Gary Handy, Chairman, Annual Communication Committee, for the purpose of opening its 231st Annual Communication.

Presentation of Colors

The Heroes of '76 of National Sojourners presented the colors.

The district deputy grand masters, district deputy grand lecturers, past grand officers, and the Grand Lodge officers under the escort of Grand Marshal Donald E. Kehler were received and conducted to their stations and places. There being a constitutional number of lodges represented, Grand Master Speed Hallman opened the Grand Lodge in ample form.

Recognition of DDGMs and DDGLs and Distinguished Guests

Grand Marshal Donald E. Kehler introduced the district deputy grand masters and the district deputy grand lecturers of North Carolina as a body. He also introduced the distinguished guests representing other Masonic jurisdictions and appendant bodies. Grand Master Hallman welcomed them, and they were accorded private grand honors by the masons present.

Grand Lodge Officers Present

Speed Hallman (19).....	Grand Master
Dwight M. Sigmon (248)	Deputy Grand Master
P. Shaun Bradshaw (428)	Senior Grand Warden
R. David Wicker, Jr. (750)	Junior Grand Warden
Lewis R. Ledford (27)	Grand Treasurer
T. Walton Clapp III (237)	Grand Secretary
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Donald E. Kehler (409)	Grand Marshal
Robert W. Rideout (155)	Grand Steward
Steve M. Norris (727)	Grand Steward
James G. Jones, Jr. (102).....	Grand Chaplain
John W. Speed (412)	Grand Tyler
Michael W. Brantley (500).....	Grand Historian
Donald M. Helton (19)	Grand Lecturer
Dan C. Rice (409)	Grand Orator
James R. Stevens, Jr. (701)	Judge Advocate

Past Grand Officers Present

William L. Mills, III, PDGM	
Richard G. Moore	1993
William B. Brunk	1994
Thomas W. Gregory	1998
Jerry R. Tillet	2002
Charles A. Lewis, Jr.	2003

Graham W. Pervier	2005
Gene T. Jernigan.....	2006
W. Berry Rigdon.....	2007
David R. Cash.....	2008
Dan C. Rice.....	2009
Lewis R. Ledford	2011
Robert E. Gresham, Jr	2012
Dewey R. Preslar, Jr.....	2013
Dalton W. Mayo.....	2014
Douglas L. Caudle.....	2015
Bryant D. Webster	2016
A. Gene Cobb, Jr.	2017

2018 District Deputy Grand Masters present

Benjamin G. Roberts, Jr	1
Neal Combs.....	2
Ronald T. Parish	3
Robert J. Morrell, Jr	4
William D. Campbell.....	6
Bobby L. Meadows	7
Benjamin W. Burger	11
Perry H. Sellers.....	12
William C. Chriscoe	13
Craig J. Horton.....	14
Todd H. Dyches	15
Ted M. Sherrod.....	16
Paul A. Tate.....	21
Clyde A. Billings, Jr.....	22
Jeffrey L. Bullington	23
Donald H. Bulla.....	24
Samuel J. Carson	25
Jon A. Canupp.....	26
Jimmy L. Myers	27
Robert A. Burgess, Jr.....	28
Timothy A. Jones.....	30
Edward J. Steel	32
Dwight E. Church	33
Curtis R. Sharpe, Jr.....	34
Yates K. Warlick, Jr.....	35
Christopher L. Hall.....	36
Steve W. Gouge	37
Dewey H. Webb	38
Jack R. Barnett	39
Boyd E. Canter	40
Michael B. Gregory	41

2018 District Deputy Grand Lecturers present

Douglas H. Brickhouse	1
Hyler Wayne Cox	3
Dennis R. Kyle.....	4
Charlie L. Hall.....	5
Richard Lee Smith	7

James W. Cook, Jr	8
John A. Shawver	12
Christopher W. Dement	13
Jeffrey A. Sank	14
Tommy R. Mills	15
David R. Ellis	16
David L. Short	17
Herbert C. Lyon	19
W. P. Horne	21
Matthew W. Cockman	22
Christopher L. Wright	23
Roger L. Millner	24
Stephen M. McCraw	25
Roy C. West	27
Andrew R. Hartman	28
James R. Mills	29
Lance B. Hegler	30
Philip R. Kuhn	31
Brian M. Turner	32
Brandon L. Penley	34
C. Ray Harrill	38
Benjamin A. Sims	39

Representative of Lodges Present

The following officers or proxies of the subordinate lodges registgered to vote at Annual Communication. † denotes proxy.

1 St John's

M	Larry C. Brown
SW	C. Cameron Wright (†)
JW	Creg C. MacFarlane

2 Royal White Hart

M	S. Lindbergh Harlow, Jr.
SW	S. Lindbergh Harlow, Jr. (†)
JW	S. Lindbergh Harlow, Jr. (†)

3 St. John's

M	David A. Daniels
SW	William C. Zerby, Jr.
JW	Jeremy N. Taylor

4 St. John's

M	Danny T. Davis (†)
SW	Danny T. Davis (†)
JW	Danny T. Davis (†)

5 Charity

M	C. Glenn Todd (†)
SW	C. Glenn Todd (†)
JW	C. Glenn Todd (†)

7 Unanimity

M	William E. Potts
SW	William E. Potts (†)
JW	William E. Potts (†)

8 Phoenix

M	John T. Frazier
SW	Daniel G. Frankhart
JW	Emmett P. Starnes

10 Johnston Caswell

M	Jeremy R. Hertrick
SW	William S. Riggan (†)
JW	Henry T. Pully, II

11 Caswell Brotherhood

M	Benjamin B. Fleetwood
SW	William R. Walker
JW	Jody C. Grady

13 St. John's

M	absent
SW	absent
JW	absent

17 American George

M Arthur L. Horton
SW E. Wayne Futrell (†)
JW E. Wayne Futrell (†)

19 Eagle

M Bruce E. Gordon
SW Raul E. Herrera
JW Gary L. Watts

27 Statesville

M Gerald M. Reynolds
SW Philip H. Long
JW Steven J. Horinka, Jr.

31 Phalanx

M Billie C. Stout, II
SW Glenn R. Sigmon
JW Robert K. Braswell (†)

32 Stokes

M Michael P. Davis
SW Joshua R. Mueller
JW Charles E. Baker

39 Davie

M O. Chester Harrell
SW O. Chester Harrell (†)
JW O. Chester Harrell (†)

40 Hiram

M Robert P. Eisenhardt
SW H. Vance Harrell, IV
JW Charles W. Talley

45 Liberty

M Robert E. Doyle
SW Kevin R. Howell (†)
JW Frank D. Blevins (†)

53 Hall

M Benjamin G. Roberts, Sr. (†)
SW Scott E. Mathis
JW Thomas L. Irving

58 Concord

M absent
SW absent
JW absent

59 Perseverance

M Phillip L. Baucom
SW Donald J. Porter
JW Phillip L. Baucom (†)

64 Kilwinning

M Bryan K. Ratliff
SW Dennis L. Cook
JW Howard D. Good

75 Widow's Son

M Marty E. Silverwood
SW Marty E. Silverwood (†)
JW Marty E. Silverwood (†)

76 Greensboro

M C. Ray Hall (†)
SW Joseph P. Holden
JW Dylan C. Lewellyn

81 Zion

M Johnny C. Surles (†)
SW Bobby L. Meadows (†)
JW Austin W. Harriett

83 Lafayette

M Christopher M. Isenhardt
SW Ernest J. Lynn
JW Robert P. Savacool

84 Fellowship

M Craig J. Lee
SW Dale S. Wilson
JW M. Guy Goodwin

85 Morning Star

M Dion J. Viventi
SW Dion J. Viventi (†)
JW Dion J. Viventi (†)

90 Skewarkee

M Eric M. Fitzgerald
SW James L. Williams
JW Timothy M. Bates

91 Western Star

M Tracy L. Teal, Sr.
SW Douglas E. Tribou (†)
JW Nicholas A. Houser

92 Joseph Warren

M absent
SW absent
JW absent

95 Jerusalem

M Jeffrey K. Hall
SW Jeffrey K. Hall (†)
JW Jeffrey K. Hall (†)

97 Millbrook

M Thomas V. Fahnestock
 SW J. Luigi Ammons
 JW Timothy C. Mullen

98 Hiram

M E. Earl Wells (†)
 SW E. Earl Wells (†)
 JW E. Earl Wells (†)

99 Fulton

M William M. Guthrie
 SW William M. Guthrie (†)
 JW William M. Guthrie (†)

102 Columbus

M Christian M. Campbell
 SW Jason B. Stephenson (†)
 JW James G. Jones, Jr.

104 Orr

M Jonathan M. Moore (†)
 SW E. Scott Sheppard
 JW Randal S. Marriner

106 Perquimans

M Clyde W. Overton
 SW absent
 JW absent

109 Franklin

M William K. Moore, Jr.
 SW Leeman Daw, Jr.
 JW Leeman Daw, Jr. (†)

112 Wayne

M Phillip L. Brogden
 SW L. B. Jackson, III
 JW Aaron M. Carver, Sr.

113 Person

M Michael L. Day
 SW Bryan T. Ballard
 JW Norman W. Boyette

114 St. Alban's

M William C. Townsend, Jr.
 SW William C. Townsend, Jr. (†)
 JW William C. Townsend, Jr. (†)

115 Holly Springs

M David N. Morley
 SW Jason A. Browne
 JW Thomas J. Zelickman

117 Mt. Lebanon

M William C. Barrett, IV
 SW Bradley P. Moore (†)
 JW R. Edward Allen (†)

118 Mt. Hermon

M Joseph E. Silberman
 SW Christian E. MacLeod
 JW Phillip B. Queen

122 Oxford

M Kevin C. Otis
 SW Kevin C. Otis (†)
 JW Stephen T. Owens

123 Franklinton

M Zachary S. Grissom
 SW Karl D. Righter
 JW J. Adam Reynolds

125 Mill Creek

M Victor L. Smith
 SW James R. Smith
 JW Victor L. Smith (†)

126 Gatesville

M John H. Carter, II (†)
 SW John H. Carter, II (†)
 JW John H. Carter, II (†)

127 Blackmer

M Shawn F. Brown
 SW Ryan A. Saunders
 JW A. Jeffrey Morris

128 Hanks

M D. Keith Eddins
 SW John H. Chaulklin, III
 JW Darren V. Layton (†)

129 Dan River

M Edgar W. Barker, Jr.
 SW Daryl N. Crowder (†)
 JW T. Jackson Moore (†)

132 Radiance

M D. Andrew Sutton
 SW D. Andrew Sutton (†)
 JW D. Andrew Sutton (†)

134 Mocksville

M W. Leslie Steele, Sr. (†)
 SW W. Leslie Steele, Sr. (†)
 JW W. Leslie Steele, Sr. (†)

136 Leaksville

M John P. Jones, VI
SW Daryl N. Crowder
JW Edgar W. Barker, Jr.

137 Lincoln

M Jack C. Jones, Jr. (†)
SW Robert J. Mathis (†)
JW Steve A. Drum (†)

138 King Solomon

M absent
SW absent
JW absent

143 Mt. Vernon

M Timothy M. Willett
SW Timothy M. Willett (†)
JW Timothy M. Willett (†)

145 Junaluskee

M Gregg L. Jones (†)
SW Andrew P. Norton, III
JW Leon M. Ditch (†)

146 Cherokee

M Jeffrey C. Allore
SW Rory J. Byers
JW Jeffrey C. Allore (†)

147 Palmyra

M absent
SW absent
JW absent

149 Adoniram

M Bret W. Tilley
SW Bret W. Tilley (†)
JW C. Glenn Todd

150 Pee Dee

M Steven R. Cycotte
SW Steven R. Cycotte (†)
JW Robert R. Barringer (†)

151 Sanford

M Russell R. Townsend
SW William P. Minard (†)
JW Darrell E. Parker

154 Scotch Ireland

M R. Jeffrey Keply
SW Jason M. Keply
JW William L. Steele, Sr. (†)

155 White Stone

M Earl W. Chancellor
SW Earl W. Chancellor (†)
JW Earl W. Chancellor (†)

158 Knap Of Reeds

M Dickson M. Clifford, III
SW J. Terry Mangum, Sr. (†)
JW Patrick K. Dixon

162 Yadkin

M Darryl F. Hawkins (†)
SW J. Richard Leonard, Jr. (†)
JW Paschal R. Dobbins (†)

165 Archer

M Jimmy L. Hicks
SW Jimmy L. Hicks (†)
JW Jimmy L. Hicks (†)

167 Winston

M Ronnie Vaughn (†)
SW Richard M. Miller
JW Stephen M. Hux

170 Blackmer

M J. Tyner Lewis
SW Joseph D. Brigman
JW J. Brian Whitt (†)

172 Buffalo

M Paul F. Kelly
SW Paul F. Kelly (†)
JW Paul F. Kelly (†)

176 Williams

M Christopher R. Gibson (†)
SW Kenneth R. Oliver
JW Lewis O. Ridge, Jr.

181 Carthage

M Leo G. Trepanier
SW Herman L. Reeves, Jr.
JW William M. Flint

187 Central Cross

M J. Scott Batchelor
SW Alan V. Greer
JW Larry M. Walker

188 Balfour

M absent
SW absent
JW absent

190 Chadbourn

M absent
SW absent
JW absent

191 Granite

M Justin M. Duncan (†)
SW Bruce W. Hamrick
JW Christopher S. Isaacson (†)

198 Cary

M Juan C. Huerta
SW Timothy L. Krist
JW Eric N. Greene (†)

202 Cleveland

M J. Steven Granger
SW Allen J. Tate (†)
JW Danny R. Smart

205 Long Creek

M Brodie S. Butler
SW Darwin C. Heilman, III
JW Michael D. Harding (†)

206 Mingo

M Aaron B. Jackson
SW Aaron B. Jackson (†)
JW Patrick Blanchard

207 Lebanon

M Kyle A. Duncan
SW Rohn A. Ward
JW Gary C. Bass (†)

208 Mt. Olive

M absent
SW absent
JW absent

210 Eno

M Larry B. Holder
SW W. Kein Cox
JW M. Lynn Cherry, Jr.

214 Thomasville

M James A. Thomas
SW Jeffery L. Eddinger (†)
JW Royal S. Jarvis

217 Catawba Valley

M Michael R. Fisher
SW Michael J. Pritchard (†)
JW Michael J. Pritchard (†)

218 William G. Hill

M Albert E. Hopping
SW Jamie E. Sanchez
JW E. Craig Gartside, Jr.

226 Olin

M Lawrence E. Cowan
SW Alan R. Williams
JW Clay A. Sherrill

229 Henderson

M Isaac H. Williamson
SW W. Vernon Mustian (†)
JW Gerald R. Tripp

230 Corinthian

M Joseph T. Fuller (†)
SW W. Charles Barrett, IV
JW Jimmy T. Parker, Jr.

231 William T. Bain

M W. Brian Shew, Jr.
SW Christopher R. Mills
JW James C. Izzel, Jr.

237 Mystic Tie

M Garrett C. Stanley
SW Albert J. Terrell, III (†)
JW Albert J. Terrell, III

240 Wiccacon

M James E. Jones (†)
SW James E. Jones
JW James E. Jones (†)

243 Grifton

M Gary L. Clements
SW Marvin L. Wade
JW Walter J. Abbott

244 Monroe

M Roger L. Clute, Jr.
SW Thomas L. Starnes
JW John V. H. Barrile, Jr.

248 Catawba

M Christopher V. Wilhoit (†)
SW Rex D. Bolick
JW Christopher V. Wilhoit (†)

249 Pythagoras

M John A. Lewis
SW Bruce D. Templeman, Jr.
JW John M. Lewallen, Jr.

253 Lee

M Anthony J. Elder
SW Frederick L. Barkley
JW Darren G. McLain (†)

257 Kenly

M Joe W. Baker
SW Jon C. Boykin
JW Tyler A. Bailey (†)

258 Fuquay

M Edgar L. Rich, II
SW James T. Merritt (†)
JW Bryant L. Welch

259 Waynesville

M Gordon J. Sowder
SW Julius F. Morrow (†)
JW Gordon J. Sowder (†)

261 Excelsior

M Patrick R. Tobin (†)
SW Patrick R. Tobin (†)
JW Patrick R. Tobin (†)

262 Hibriten

M William T. Bridges
SW Doug W. Bolick
JW Josh A. Bristol

263 Gaston

M David S. Jones, Sr.
SW Leonard L. Lewis
JW Jeffrey L. Jones, Jr.

265 Farmington

M Rusty L. McLelland
SW Jack D. Page
JW James W. Taylor

267 Dunn's Rock

M Melva R. Hearndon
SW John P. Bradford
JW Boyce R. Galloway

271 Tabasco

M Jeffrey A. Shepherd
SW Justin T. Buzzard (†)
JW Brent H. Swain

272 Bingham

M Jason B. Simons (†)
SW David C. Ross
JW Todd E. Smith (†)

276 Beaver Dam

M Richard E. Helms
SW William Q. Cox
JW Lindsay C. Austin

277 Green Level

M Scott A. Cook
SW John M. Wilhelm
JW Anders S. Johannson

279 Wallace

M Benjamin W. Burger (†)
SW absent
JW Benjamin W. Burger (†)

282 Wake Forest

M Blase J. Kusterle, III
SW Michael A. Hinton
JW Tracy A. Walter

283 Eureka

M Brian N. Gray
SW Mark A. Smith
JW Brian T. Craft

284 Greenville

M absent
SW absent
JW absent

289 Salem

M Bryan C. Lee
SW Derek G. Frosh
JW Stephen R. Wood

292 French Broad

M Larry D. Peek
SW J. Sam Houston (†)
JW James A. Craine (†)

293 Vance

M Petty A. Burnette (†)
SW Keith B. Kuykendall (†)
JW Keith B. Kuykendall (†)

294 Atlantic

M H. Wayne Cox (†)
SW H. Wayne Cox (†)
JW H. Wayne Cox (†)

296 Stonewall

M absent
SW absent
JW absent

299 Harmony

M William A. Jones
 SW Norman C. Bostain
 JW John W. A. Campbell

300 Aurora

M C. Travis Martin
 SW James N. Kelly
 JW Walter D. Martin

301 Clay

M Carroll D. Roper
 SW Roger D. Powell
 JW Kevin D. Roper (†)

302 Lillington

M Adam J. Mitchell
 SW Robert J. Wilson
 JW Robert J. Wilson (†)

304 Pleasant Hill

M Dexter G. Mills (†)
 SW Dexter G. Mills (†)
 JW Dexter G. Mills (†)

305 Laurinburg

M David H. Troxell (†)
 SW Jason L. Butler
 JW Alan D. Roblee

306 Raeford

M absent
 SW absent
 JW absent

314 New Lebanon

M Dwight S. Decoskey, II (†)
 SW Dwight S. Decoskey, II (†)
 JW Dwight S. Decoskey, II (†)

317 Eureka

M Douglas H. Brickhouse (†)
 SW Scot R. Hardwick (†)
 JW Scot R. Hardwick

319 Wilmington

M James T. Moore
 SW Jimmy M. Hunt, Jr.
 JW Michael M. Hoff (†)

320 Selma

M Harry E. Green (†)
 SW D. Matthew Bailey (†)
 JW William J. Barham (†)

322 Granite

M Todd S. Frye
 SW William M. Payne (†)
 JW William M. Payne (†)

331 Bayboro

M M. Douglas Spain
 SW C. Timothy Brigman
 JW Johnny W. Rice

339 Fairview

M Jeffrey W. Ward
 SW Brian K. Clark
 JW W. Larry Stone, Jr.

340 Harmony

M Jason M. Young (†)
 SW Jason M. Young
 JW Jason M. Young (†)

343 Hickory

M Matthew A. Lineberger
 SW James R. Hope, II
 JW Daniel S. Guthrie (†)

344 Numa F. Reid

M H. Gene Briggs
 SW Jerry L. McEntire, Sr.
 JW Jonathan W. Tuttle

348 Stanley

M Randy C. Lovgren
 SW Michael E. Wall
 JW Randy C. Lovgren (†)

352 Durham

M W. Ray Allen
 SW Martin V. Terry
 JW Ronald T. Bowling

356 Fallston

M James B. Camp
 SW Clyde Sweezy, Jr. (†)
 JW Harold B. Dellinger (†)

357 Bakersville

M E. Daniel Garland
 SW Robert M. Morgan (†)
 JW Calvin V. Lunsford

358 East LaPorte

M Ronald E. Stephens (†)
 SW Ronald E. Stephens (†)
 JW Ronald E. Stephens (†)

359 Mount Vernon

M absent
SW absent
JW absent

363 Snow

M Joshua J. Teague
SW Kenneth C. Kaufman
JW John B. Sullivan, Jr. (†)

369 Gastonia

M David A. Wall
SW Richard W. Carter
JW Stephen G. Adams (†)

373 Ashler

M Keegan T. Watson
SW Ernest W. Moretz
JW Joshua B. McMillan

374 Campbell

M G. Samuel Henline
SW R. Andrew Foust
JW Connor W. Lunsford

375 State Line

M Raymond W. Treadway (†)
SW Raymond W. Treadway
JW Jimmy G. Carpenter

377 Youngsville

M Michael D. Walker
SW Jerrett B. McLean
JW Jonathon W. Walker

378 Seaboard

M absent
SW absent
JW absent

379 Coharie

M R. Gerald Strickland (†)
SW R. Gerald Strickland (†)
JW R. Gerald Strickland (†)

380 Granville

M Dean H. Mooney (†)
SW Dean H. Mooney
JW Dean H. Mooney (†)

381 Forest City

M Timmy D. Edwards
SW Timmy D. Edwards (†)
JW Timmy D. Edwards (†)

384 Jefferson Penn

M Eddie B. Needham
SW Johnny R. Hoover (†)
JW James W. Smith

386 Pigeon River

M absent
SW absent
JW absent

387 Kedron

M E. Martin Osteen
SW Robert A. Rogers
JW Jacob R. McMinn

388 Friendship

M J. Edward Lail
SW Danny R. Smart
JW Donnie W. Morgan

390 Copeland

M Robert L. Jackson, Jr.
SW Robert S. Brintle
JW J. Wesley Crotts

391 Lebanon

M Charles W. Everitte
SW Allen W. Faris, Jr.
JW Mark D. Saults

395 Orient

M Karston J. Millinor
SW Karston J. Millinor (†)
JW Frederick A. Szakasits (†)

397 Bald Creek

M Ivan E. Taffer
SW Darrell E. Inman
JW Jared P. English

401 Joppa

M Frank F. Nederostek
SW Albert J. Terrell, III
JW J. Earl Young

403 Siler City

M Atiq U. Chaudhry
SW Bradley T. Wrenn
JW Atiq U. Chaudhry (†)

404 Denton

M Jason L. Parker
SW Chad L. Graham
JW Thomas L. Evans

405 Ocean

M John T. Capps, III (†)
 SW Brandon M. Doshier
 JW John T. Capps, III (†)

407 N. Wilkesboro

M Bobby W. Nichols (†)
 SW Robert E. Doyle
 JW P. Mark Alexander

408 University

M Jeffrey J. Troccoli
 SW T. Tyler Singleton
 JW Duane A. Sinquefield

409 Bula

M Matthew W. Cockman
 SW Jody F. Tyree
 JW Joseph M. McCluskey

411 Bailey

M Donnie K. Dew
 SW Donnie K. Dew (†)
 JW Donnie K. Dew (†)

412 Henry F. Grainger

M absent
 SW absent
 JW absent

413 James A. Johnson

M Arthur L. Langley
 SW Stanford C. Joyner (†)
 JW Christopher M. Hedrick (†)

417 Maxton

M J. Derric Hill
 SW Matthew R. Blackburn
 JW W. Brandon Lowry

418 Pendleton

M Joseph R. Barrett (†)
 SW Joseph R. Barrett (†)
 JW Joseph R. Barrett

420 Harmon

M Paschal R. Dobbins
 SW Jacob A. Wagoner
 JW Steven V. Church

423 Sparta

M Timothy M. Joines (†)
 SW R. Allen Edwards, Jr.
 JW John A. Davis, Jr.

426 Montgomery

M Brian G. Rau (†)
 SW Brian G. Rau (†)
 JW Brian G. Rau (†)

427 Oconee

M Joseph P. Atzenhoffer
 SW Timothy M. Hines
 JW Joseph P. Atzenhoffer (†)

428 Stokesdale

M Richard L. Murphy
 SW Donald G. Plaster (†)
 JW Robert L. Blaylock

429 Seaside

M William S. Partington
 SW Michael A. Hodges
 JW Kenneth J. Jackson

431 Relief

M Matthew B. Moore
 SW Justin R. Norris
 JW Leroy Norris, Jr. (†)

432 Piney Creek

M Gregory A. Wagoner (†)
 SW John A. Davis, Jr.
 JW Gregory A. Wagoner (†)

433 Vanceboro

M J. Issac Jones (†)
 SW Robert W. Ipock
 JW Brandon S. Feller

434 West Bend

M Zachary L. Rothrock
 SW Merideth D. Benge
 JW Robert M. Blair

435 Blue Ridge

M Ronald A. Hensley
 SW Kenneth M. Crowe
 JW Dana B. Gordon (†)

437 Biscoe

M Kevin L. McNeill (†)
 SW Billy W. Parsons
 JW Richard S. Grimes

439 Marble Springs

M absent
 SW absent
 JW absent

444 Marietta

M Jody M. Ferree
SW Paul D. Overman
JW Donald R. Joyce (†)

446 Biltmore

M William G. Quinley (†)
SW William G. Quinley (†)
JW William G. Quinley (†)

447 Enfield

M Ernest E. Jones, Jr.
SW William B. Carroll, Jr. (†)
JW Jerry W. Packer

453 Clyde

M James M. Rogers
SW Randall J. Collins
JW Gordan J. Sowder

454 Elkin

M Louis A. Jeroslow
SW Michael L. Johnson
JW Jeffrey L. Mabe

459 Dillsboro

M Steven J. Rice
SW Steven J. Rice (†)
JW William C. Brothers, III

460 Cliffside

M Timothy L. Miller (†)
SW Jack H. Huskey (†)
JW Nigel J. Hawkins

461 Matthews

M Wyman R. Kirkland
SW Brian M. Turner
JW Ratcliff C. Boon, III

462 South Fork

M W. Alexander Bryson (†)
SW Donald J. Wade
JW Matthew R. Stroupe

463 Currituck

M David A. Wigley
SW Carl J. Fairchild
JW J. Paul Simpson (†)

471 Grassy Knob

M Neil D. Hayes (†)
SW Albert E. Gaylord (†)
JW Frederick L. Barkley

472 Sonoma

M Rufus W. Allison, Jr.
SW Barry G. Barton (†)
JW Rufus W. Allison, Jr. (†)

473 Lexington Memorial

M J. Scott O'Neill
SW Ricky K. Everhart
JW Raymond B. Owens

474 St. Pauls

M Sanford L. Isham, Jr. (†)
SW Sanford L. Isham, Jr.
JW William C. Missroom (†)

475 Grimesland

M E. Sterling Smith
SW E. Sterling Smith (†)
JW E. Sterling Smith (†)

479 Rainbow

M absent
SW absent
JW absent

482 Polk County Unity

M Thomas D. Kell (†)
SW Jimmy R. Newman
JW David E. Guice

483 Traphill

M M. Lester Bowers (†)
SW Danny L. Prevette
JW Jayden A. Gantt

484 Southern Pines

M Craig R. Zimmerman (†)
SW Thomas M. Bolton, III (†)
JW Guy M. Woodard, III (†)

486 Lawndale

M Datus C. Gordon
SW David W. Spivey (†)
JW Roger D. Swink

489 Linville

M Christopher A. Bertolini (†)
SW Lloyd L. Ollis
JW William P. Clark

491 Hominy

M Gregory A. Medford
SW Adam D. Roper
JW Christopher P. Miller

492 Thomas M. Holt

M Jason B. Simons
 SW Jeffrey M. Lightcap
 JW L. Kevin Dean

493 Pilot

M Dean R. Gordon
 SW Tyler L. Cook
 JW Danny R. Martin

495 Rockingham

M Richard W. Stevens (†)
 SW Joseph R. Carroll
 JW Grover C. Baxley, IV

496 Mooresville

M Gerard H. Gould
 SW Bruce F. Vanderlick (†)
 JW Owen M. Estep

497 Royal Hart

M R. Albert Etheridge (†)
 SW Larry R. Liles
 JW Tony L. Martin, Sr. (†)

498 Ayden

M absent
 SW absent
 JW absent

499 Creedmoor

M Dwayne R. Chappell
 SW Edwin S. Tillotson
 JW Charles L. Phipps, Jr. (†)

500 Raleigh

M Randy A. Mason
 SW William T. Highsmith
 JW Anthony J. Eldreth

501 Red Springs

M Robert S. Hagen (†)
 SW Robert S. Hagen (†)
 JW Robert S. Hagen (†)

502 Cookeville

M Dan B. Beal (†)
 SW Gregory A. Davis
 JW Dan B. Beal (†)

505 Cherryville

M Mark W. Davis
 SW T. David Rainwater (†)
 JW William A. McSwain, III

509 Belhaven

M William R. Askew
 SW William R. Askew (†)
 JW William R. Askew (†)

515 Whetstone

M J. Eric Lineberger
 SW Timothy G. Cloer
 JW J. Chase Payne (†)

517 Farmville

M J. Michael Howell (†)
 SW J. Michael Howell (†)
 JW J. Michael Howell (†)

519 Widow's Son

M S. Linburgh Harlow (†)
 SW S. Linburgh Harlow (†)
 JW S. Linburgh Harlow (†)

521 Manteo

M J. O'Neal Combs (†)
 SW Brandon M. Shuler
 JW Marc E. James

525 Rodgers

M absent
 SW absent
 JW absent

527 Lucama

M Tony R. Ferrell
 SW Tony R. Ferrell (†)
 JW Tony R. Ferrell (†)

528 Fairmont

M absent
 SW absent
 JW absent

529 Andrews

M Michael G. Sheidy (†)
 SW Harold Phillips
 JW R. Alexander H. Richeson

532 Hamlet

M David E. McCall
 SW Oscar B. Sellers (†)
 JW Christopher P. Clark

534 Camp Call

M Floyd E. Swofford (†)
 SW David W. Spivey
 JW Floyd E. Swofford (†)

535 Hollis

M Charles D. Greene
SW Brad W. Putnam
JW Zachary S. Thompson

542 Corinthian

M Todd E. Cardille
SW Luke D. Freeze (†)
JW Cameron E. Davidson

543 Spencer

M John M. Ogden
SW Kelly E. Bursleson
JW Jonathan E. Foley

544 Mount Holly

M Robert W. Smith (†)
SW Robert W. Smith (†)
JW Robert W. Smith (†)

550 Roman Eagle

M Johnny M. Veit, Jr. (†)
SW Timothy J. Northam (†)
JW Curtis V. Iovito

551 Glenville

M Gregg L. Jones
SW Ronald A. Hensley
JW Michael B. Gregory

552 Revolution

M Christopher T. Huffines
SW Adam F. Griffin
JW Jerry W. Riddle

554 Vesper

M Nolan Shuford
SW Clarence L. Early
JW Matthew A. Miller

555 Elise

M William L. Montjoy
SW W. Wayne Blake
JW Henry B. Craven

556 Neill S. Stewart

M Robert A. Ennis
SW Walter S. Aiken
JW David G. Johnson

558 Ararat

M absent
SW absent
JW absent

561 Swannanoa

M David L. Perkins
SW Kenneth E. Allman (†)
JW James D. Ayers

562 Waxhaw

M Bobby F. Hughes
SW John M. Hartwell
JW Edward P. Robison, Jr. (†)

563 Tabor

M absent
SW absent
JW absent

564 Richlands

M Philip R. Mercer
SW Christopher D. Gendron
JW Leonard J. Mendonca (†)

565 Wendell

M P. Chris Lee
SW Fred L. Puryear (†)
JW Benjamin R. Griffin

568 Doric

M Warren G. Taylor (†)
SW Jerry L. Manning
JW Scott A. Waligora (†)

571 Snow Creek

M Lloyd G. Weatherman
SW James R. Murph
JW Dallas R. Hicks

573 Mt. Pleasant

M Derek R. Ellis
SW David V. Deal, Jr.
JW David S. Barlow (†)

576 Andrew Jackson

M Mark A. Steelman
SW Andrew J. Ashley
JW Timothy A. Hopper

578 Meadow Branch

M M. Derrry Simpson (†)
SW James R. Mills
JW Patrick J. Cannon

579 Casar

M Brian G. Houser
SW Yates K. Warlick (†)
JW Billy J. Downs

583 Ionic

M W. Pete Daughety
 SW Dale D. Davis (†)
 JW Robert G. Warmack (†)

584 Apex

M Richard L. Kelso
 SW Jason B. Stephenson
 JW absent

585 Roseboro

M Jeffrey B. Taylor (†)
 SW Jeffrey B. Taylor (†)
 JW Arnold G. Edge, Jr. (†)

589 Bethel

M J. Wilbert Futrell (†)
 SW J. Wilbert Futrell (†)
 JW J. Wilbert Futrell (†)

590 Lowell

M James W. Morgan, III
 SW G. Chandler Alexander
 JW David L. Marrow, II (†)

592 Maiden

M Danny L. Kiser
 SW Steven D. Lowe
 JW Brett A. Deaton

593 Stony Point

M Robert J. Green
 SW Charles H. Sherrill, Jr.
 JW Michael N. Starnes

594 Ashe

M James G. Judson
 SW Ronald Girtman, Jr.
 JW Michael A. Sawyer

596 Waccamaw

M absent
 SW absent
 JW absent

598 Cranberry

M Steve W. Gouge (†)
 SW John A. Millan (†)
 JW Warren J. Guinn

602 Queen City

M absent
 SW absent
 JW absent

606 Riverside

M David J. Allen
 SW Brandon L. Penley
 JW Phillip J. Gardner

609 Zebulon

M Kenton B. Overby
 SW William A. Adams (†)
 JW Matthew N. Parker

612 Atkinson

M absent
 SW absent
 JW absent

613 Home

M absent
 SW absent
 JW absent

616 Round Peak

M Michael B. Waddell (†)
 SW Michael B. Waddell
 JW Michael B. Waddell (†)

617 St Patrick's

M Bobby F. Wellons (†)
 SW Bobby F. Wellons (†)
 JW Bobby F. Wellons (†)

618 Union

M John R. Nash
 SW Daniel B. Johnson
 JW Dustin S. Grooms

624 John H. Mills

M Anthony R. Newton (†)
 SW Christopher W. Dement (†)
 JW W. Vernon Mustian

626 Cannon Memorial

M Josh R. Mueller
 SW Srujan K.E. Katanguri (†)
 JW Benjamin P. Reese (†)

627 Belmont

M Ray E. Willard
 SW Matthew A. Jones
 JW Matthew R. Harvey (†)

629 Walnut Cove

M Gray A. Jarrell
 SW Clarence W. Carter, III
 JW Michael D. Collins

634 Goldsboro

M absent
SW absent
JW absent

637 Yadkin Falls

M Bryan C. Lambert
SW Wayne R. Rummage (†)
JW Paul A. Thompson

643 Proctorville

M James E. Britt (†)
SW James E. Britt (†)
JW James E. Britt (†)

646 Bladen

M Michael L. Wyatt
SW Earl F. Sykes, Jr.
JW Earl F. Sykes, Jr. (†)

650 Nichols-W. Asheville

M W. Smith McAulay
SW James M. Blakenship
JW Anthony J. Rathbone (†)

654 Elberta

M Lowell T. Hill
SW Tommy B. Greene (†)
JW Donald R. Greene

656 Guilford

M Samuel C. Holder
SW Steven D. Caldwell
JW Michael S. James (†)

657 Keller Memorial

M Phillip M. York
SW Kenneth L. Small
JW Kenneth B. Ritchie

658 Beulaville

M absent
SW absent
JW absent

663 Black Mountain

M Walter E. Hitch
SW Joseph L. Pegram
JW Carl M. Huntsinger

664 Garland

M Jeffrey B. Taylor (†)
SW Jeffrey B. Taylor (†)
JW Jeffrey B. Taylor (†)

667 Ft. Bragg

M Stephen A. McDaniel
SW Roger D. Owens
JW David H. Sievers

669 Kernersville

M Clifford T. Shrewsbury
SW Johnathon D. Finney (†)
JW Todd M. Hurm (†)

670 Lovelady

M Albert E. Minish, Jr.
SW Douglas E. Price
JW Antoni K. Nowacki (†)

672 Robbinsville

M Calvin L. Gladden
SW Buck L. Jackson
JW Marlon J. Jackson

674 Acacia

M S. Wesley Hudson
SW Jacob R. Summey
JW Christopher N. Delk

675 Washington

M Jonathan M. Moore (†)
SW Jonathan M. Moore
JW Norman E. Hiatt (†)

676 Temple

M J. Scott Zwemer
SW Jesse M. Tillman, III (†)
JW Jason D. Caldwell

678 Providence

M Alan R. Phelps (†)
SW Jeremy R. Oliver
JW Alan R. Phelps (†)

679 Creasy Proctor

M John M. Hall, Jr.
SW David H. Sievers
JW Richard E. Farmer

680 Semper Fidelis

M Howard Kahn
SW R. Loren Jones (†)
JW Jason D. Caldwell

683 Rolesville

M David N. Lipford
SW Steven A. Acord (†)
JW R. Van Johnson, II

685 Piedmont-Pioneer

M Cory D. Tarr
 SW Jonah C. Weavil (†)
 JW Larry J. Toth

686 Angier

M Charles G. Adams, III
 SW Charles G. Adams, III (†)
 JW Charles H. Williams, III (†)

687 Fellowship

M Paul W. Sprouse
 SW Joseph P. Hackett (†)
 JW Michael W. Shifflet (†)

688 Cherry Point

M Curtis R. Hollowell (†)
 SW absent
 JW Ralph E. Fuller

689 Scotland Neck

M William B. Carroll, Jr
 SW Jerry W. Packer (†)
 JW William B. Carroll, Jr. (†)

690 Mt. Moriah

M Matthew L. Parker
 SW William E. Thompson, Jr. (†)
 JW J. Curtis Jennings (†)

691 Renfro

M Jeffrey L. Harmon (†)
 SW Phillip L. Easter (†)
 JW Carrol D. Cobbler

692 East Gate

M Zephiran Q. Wester
 SW Patrick W. Dougherty
 JW Patrick M. Fain

693 Charles M. Setzer

M Ian B. Bittenbender
 SW William D. Hutchinson
 JW Kenneth W. Lambert

694 Gate City

M Gregory R. Woodard
 SW Benjamin M. Crissman (†)
 JW Bert J. Kears

695 Allen Graham

M Rodney B. Hinson
 SW Heath E. Bost
 JW G. Randy Cline

698 Cape Hatteras

M absent
 SW absent
 JW absent

699 Asheboro

M Michael S. Johnston
 SW Kermit D. Williamson (†)
 JW William J. Wiker, II (†)

701 Garner

M J. Wilson Ferrell
 SW G. Richard Marcom
 JW James W. Lee

702 St. Andrew

M John W. Moore, III
 SW Scott E. Russell
 JW Sean G. Ratliff

703 Albemarle

M Joseph A. Burris
 SW Brian E. Clay
 JW Charlie L. Smith

704 King Solomon

M Charles J. McDaniel
 SW Rodney D. Huss
 JW Howard N. Franklin

705 Richard Caswell

M J. Michael Garriss
 SW J. Michael Garriss (†)
 JW J. Michael Garriss (†)

706 Newport

M absent
 SW absent
 JW absent

707 Forsyth

M Richard M. Miller
 SW Larry J. Toth
 JW Phillip A. Smith (†)

708 Crown Point

M Ted D. Sauls, Jr.
 SW James R. Rhodes, III (†)
 JW P. Whit Covington (†)

709 Conover

M Julian C. Setzer
 SW Fred L. Sherrill, IV
 JW Fred L. Sherrill, Jr. (†)

710 Advance

M Ronald H. Vogler (†)
SW Joseph B. Jarvis
JW Jonathan D. Jarvis (†)

712 Wilson

M Robert E. Worton
SW Robert E. Worton (†)
JW Robert E. Worton (†)

713 Stanley

M Larry R. Miller
SW B. Andrew Richardson
JW C. David Childress

714 Liberty

M Darrell W. Bush
SW L. Dean Smith
JW Steven M. Burton

715 Derita

M Daniel S. Schuller
SW John H. Frechette
JW Thane R. Black (†)

717 Burnsville

M absent
SW absent
JW absent

718 Troy

M William H. Reynolds
SW Gene R. Griffith (†)
JW W. Michael Underwood

720 Cabarrus

M Matthew C. A. Paris
SW Johnny C. Furr
JW Harold W. Cline, Jr.

722 King

M Mark D. Thorpe
SW Zacherie T. Dawson
JW Paul S. Isaacson

723 Winton

M Raymond C. Eure (†)
SW Raymond C. Eure (†)
JW Raymond C. Eure

724 Berne

M Aaron L. Clark
SW Melvin L. Hill
JW Richard L. Smith (†)

725 Grantham

M Randy L. Sweat
SW Randy L. Sweat (†)
JW Randy L. Sweat (†)

727 Shallotte

M W. Edwin Douglas
SW John D. Dawson, III
JW J. Gaston Ward

730 Stedman

M absent
SW absent
JW absent

732 Bush Hill

M Billy R. Foster
SW Stephen L. Brumfield (†)
JW Thomas B. Searce (†)

733 Stump Sound

M Lane D. Iams (†)
SW Lane D. Iams (†)
JW absent

734 William Pitt

M Scott L. McLaurin (†)
SW Scott L. McLaurin (†)
JW Scott L. McLaurin (†)

735 James B. Green

M Terry L. Washam
SW Donald R. Steichen (†)
JW Del-Michael Lawson

736 New River

M Bobby J. Kitchen (†)
SW James H. Woolard
JW Ferdinand Alago, Jr.

737 Steele Creek

M William H. Smith
SW Richard C. Gelsomino
JW Bryan E. Burroughs

738 West Gate

M Kenneth A. Davis
SW Phillip R. Kuhn
JW Jonathan P. West

739 Newell

M Jeffrey L. Williams
SW Peter A. Davis
JW James J. Toth, IV (†)

740 Charles B. Newcomb

M absent
SW absent
JW absent

741 Crissie Wright

M absent
SW absent
JW absent

742 Mint Hill

M Brandon T. Godwin (†)
SW Gerald T. Godwin, Jr.
JW David R. Stanley

743 J. J. Crowder

M Fred M. Dean (†)
SW David M. Dickman
JW Marc A. Fusco

744 Shelby

M Christopher T. Hawkins
SW Cody S. Allen
JW Kevin K. Allen

745 Vandora

M Michael J. Crocker
SW Michael J. Crocker (†)
JW Michael J. Crocker (†)

746 P P Turner

M John L. Jellicorse (†)
SW Thomas P. Dolinger (†)
JW Thomas P. Dolinger (†)

747 Ocracoke

M absent
SW absent
JW absent

749 Truth

M Timothy W. Outen
SW Richard A. Mercer
JW James R. Mills

750 Oak Grove

M Dustin M. Allen
SW W. Michael White
JW John A. Powell

751 Old Town

M D. Clifton Bodenhamer, Jr.
SW D. Ray Pope (†)
JW James M. Leslie (†)

752 Enterprise

M Michael R. Simerson
SW Robert C. Gunn
JW Jack W. Roach, III (†)

753 Federal Point

M Charles R. Hett (†)
SW Charles R. Hett
JW Robert B. Agnor, Jr.

755 Clemmons

M Wesley G. Walker
SW Larry D. Holloman
JW Anthony Papineau (†)

756 Clifford Duell

M William L. Walker
SW Nick D. Yakas (†)
JW John P. Nelson (†)

757 Denver

M Michael N. Gabriel
SW Richard C. Moyer (†)
JW Ryan R. Nation

758 Oak Island

M absent
SW absent
JW absent

759 James K. Polk

M Brian K. Kirby
SW Gerald E. Voiles (†)
JW James E. Buker

760 Wilkerson College

M Richard J. Smith
SW G. Donald Barrier
JW Danny R. Martin

761 Orphans

M Raymond E. Edwards, Jr.
SW Terry L. Washam
JW Robert V. Charlier, Sr.

762 Mosaic

M Stephen R. Barrell
SW Benjamin K. Morgan
JW Jason C. Lentz

763 Friendship

M Justin T. Rosser
SW Christopher S. Hendricks (†)
JW Christopher S. Hendricks

764 Knights of Solomon

M T. Allen Lineberger
SW Louis Balducci
JW John E. Isaacs, Jr.

765 Ashlar

M Jimmy M. Hunt, Jr. (†)
SW Franklyn M. Barfoot
JW Robert T. Hall

766 Knights of Solomon

M Robert J. Morrell, Jr.
SW Christopher D. Gendron (†)
JW Timothy P. Ryan

767 Sophia

M Benjamin G. Wallace
SW Michael A. Register (†)
JW J. Currie Pendleton

768 Knights of Solomon

M J. Wilson Ferrell
SW Eric N. Greene
JW R. Van Johnson, II

769 Veritas

M Anthony J. Rathbone
SW Anthony J. Rathbone (†)
JW Anthony J. Rathbone (†)

770 State College

M W. Mirl Austin (†)
SW W. Mirl Austin (†)
JW Stephen R. Barrell

771 MESH

M Eddie H. Moody, Jr.
SW M. Gene Lewellyn
JW Jeffrey L. Bullington

772 Lux Libertas

M L. David Potts (†)
SW C. Richard Patton (†)
JW William L. Mills, III

Address of the Grand Orator

Grand Master Speed Hallman, presented Grand Orator, MW Dan C. Rice, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, who delivered the following address:

MW Grand Master, MW PGMs, RW Brothers, Worshipful Brothers and Brothers All – Good morning!

“Come mothers and fathers (and Older Brothers)

Throughout the land

And don't criticize

What you can't understand

Your sons and your daughters (and Young Masons)

Are beyond your command

Your old road is

Rapidly agin'

Please get out of the new one

If you can't lend your hand

For the times they are a-changin'.” - Bob Dylan

Brothers, change is coming at us at a speed that is unprecedented. The decisions that we make today will have a profound effect on the future. We

need to make sure that we either lend a hand to the younger Masons or get out of their way so they can continue to build on the solid foundations of our Masonic charities.

Today, I want to share with you some basic facts about the NCMF, WhiteStone and MHCO and then talk about my experiences with each of them.

The NC Masonic Foundation was formed in January 1929 for the sole purpose of being able to maintain a fund to help take care of the MHCO and WhiteStone. The Foundation is managed by a board made up of five Masons. Brother Michael Faulkenbury is the Chairman and RW William Mills is the unofficial legal adviser. This board tries to determine the very best ways to invest the resources they manage. This is a working board that meets at least every other month and conducts business with multiple emails and phone calls on a weekly or even daily basis.

The Foundation also manages funds that belong to both the MHCO and WhiteStone. They also invest money for twenty-one Masonic Lodges, the Scottish Rite Foundation, the Scottish Rite Valleys, the Royal Arch and many different lodge scholarship funds. They currently manage \$20.5M of their own funds and manage around \$75M in total. They also maintain the Charles Cathey Scholarship Fund, which gave away 15 college scholarships in 2018 to high school seniors. The Historic Lodge Preservation Fund, another foundation entity, allows donations to be tax deductible when given to help preserve our older and historic lodges.

The Foundation manages a development team that solicits donations for all of our charities with the long term goal of perpetually endowing our homes.

The late John Lennon of the Beatles said, "When you do something noble and beautiful and nobody notices, do not be sad. For the sun is a beautiful spectacle every morning, and yet most of the audience still sleeps." The NC Masonic Foundation goes unnoticed most of the time, but it is diligently working to grow the investments of all the funds that they manage.

Over the years, I have been a personal witness to the Foundation stepping up and significantly helping both of our homes. In 2018 they will contribute about \$560,000 to our two homes. The Foundation has given the homes over \$10M over the last 25 years.

The Foundation has had some critics over the years. I believe we should follow the advice of that great Jewish Poet Heinrich Heine who said, "We should forgive our enemies, but not before they are hanged." Just kidding! He also said, "Experience is a good school, but the fees are high!" Do take the time to investigate the NCMF, and you will find it to be a great charity with a lot of creative ways to help Masonry in NC.

WHITESTONE

WhiteStone provides support for the elderly at the home in Greensboro and across the state of NC. It gives a huge amount of charity for the fraternally related, some of whom are in desperate need.

- a. It provides independent living facilities for 175 elderly people who need a good, safe place to live. It also provides full-time care for 100

Care Center residents who need almost constant nursing care.

- b. It also provides medical equipment, advice, and medical and financial assistance across the state for those that are able to remain in their own homes and in their own hometowns.
- c. WhiteStone has 106 years of helping our elderly.....in a Five-Star rated facility

The real story is that each one of those 275 residents is someone's mother, grandmother, father or grandfather. They are wonderful people who contributed to make our world a better place. They have names — they smile, they laugh, and they cry.

Time does ravage our bodies, and old age can be difficult from a physical stand point. It can also be very difficult financially for older people. Inflation and out of control medical expenses leaves many of our elderly without enough money to even buy food or have the very basic necessities. WhiteStone provides care and meets other needs for as many fraternally related people as possible. WhiteStone's charity is only limited by the funds that are made available through the gifts they receive from our Masonic Lodges and Eastern Star Chapters.

Someone once said, "No one cares how much you know, until they know how much you care."

Now let's get personal: my wonderful and sweet mother-in-law, Frances Watts, developed Alzheimer's about 18 years ago. This was a woman that could fry the best pork chops and make the absolute finest homemade biscuits. She could cut out and sew clothes for our kids without any kind of pattern. She was generous and loving. She played hymns or Boogie Woogie music on the piano and loved singing. She was a senior citizen cheerleader, sang in a gospel quartet, delivered Meals on Wheels, and loved everyone and especially the Lord.

She didn't tell us she had Alzheimer's when she found out. Eventually, after several years, she told my wife Debbie, who was an only child, about the Alzheimer's. She had waited as long as she could to tell us so we wouldn't worry. We surrounded Frances with love and all kinds of help. She continued to drive until we finally got scared for her and everyone else. In fact the only time she ever got mad at me was when we had to take her car. I loved that lady for her spunk and for the way she lived her life.

Frances was aware of the advancing Alzheimer's and what it would do to her. She had us take her to visit several retirement homes with Alzheimer's units. She liked WhiteStone the best because when we went they were having a party for the residents. We liked WhiteStone the best because it was a place where we knew the residents received wonderful care and were loved by the staff.

Frances, who lived across the pond from us, called one morning and told us that it was time for her to go up yonder meaning, WhiteStone. We were lucky and were able to get her in right away. We did not have to make the decision to remove her from her home. She had made the decision, which was a real blessing because it would have broken our hearts.

We picked her up at WhiteStone two weeks after she had moved in to bring her home for a visit. When we drove by her house, where she had lived for almost twenty years, she did not recognize it as being her home. She did mention that they sure had some pretty flowers and took good care of the place.

She lived at WhiteStone for almost ten years. She went in playing the piano and singing, even though she could not count to ten, at that time. She slowly declined over the years to the point that she didn't know any of us and was not able to talk. Even then, she still loved music and would sing along when she heard it. Many of you may not know it but WhiteStone has local musicians come in to play for the residents almost every weekend. Many of the residents that had completely quit talking were able to sing along and knew the tunes and the words to the hymns.

Eventually, Frances was unable to feed or bathe herself and was in a wheelchair and could not walk. She still loved ice cream. I would sit and feed her ice cream even after she had lost her appetite completely. People with advanced dementia lose any desire for food and may starve to death when they are not given care, like WhiteStone provides. The whole time she was at WhiteStone, she was blessed with wonderful care and staff that loved her.

In January of 2017, Frances Carden Watts, the dearest lady in the world, the woman that had always treated me like a son, graduated to that House Not Made with Hands, Eternal in the Heavens. She was finally free of that terrible disease, Alzheimer's. Thanks be to God and to the Masons and the Eastern Stars for providing WhiteStone and for the wonderful care given to one of the most amazing women I have ever known.

THE MASONIC HOME FOR CHILDREN AT OXFORD

Frederick Douglass says, "It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men and women." Our home in Oxford has been doing this for 145 years.

- a. The MHCO provides a safe home for children in need regardless of their family circumstances or their race, religion, or ethnicity
- b. It provides care that includes modeling correct family interactions which many of the kids have never seen before.
- c. Religious training – learning about God gives the troubled a place to go with their problems.
- d. Work ethic! They must have thought I was a mule when I was at the home. We were taught how work relates to food. Food cures hunger! Hunger is not so good...great knowledge to have.
- e. Educational opportunities: MHCO helps all of the children to catch up and provides financial assistance for our children with their college education.
- f. MHCO is licensed and fully accredited
- g. Independent Living Program: Our newest program — helping Emancipated children. We are helping those with the greatest need.....with no help they have an 80%+ chance of homelessness and/or jail. We help them get a GED, learn a trade, basic life stuff,

healthcare. Success is harder to measure, but all of God's children have value.

- h. 145 years of continuous care for children. It is the oldest children's home in NC and one of the oldest in the nation.
- i. 10,000 children have passed through those gates including some really neat people who have gone on and left their mark, and it was a GOOD mark across NC and the nation.

The Home has a great staff with amazing credentials and who love the children. We are not helping cardboard children at Oxford. They are real, and what we do has long lasting effects on the children and what they are able to accomplish in the world as adults.

Now you have some facts about the MHCO, so let's talk about the personal.

Ernest Hemingway, in *A Farewell to Arms* said, "The world breaks everyone and afterward many are strong at the broken places."

In early 1958, my father deserted my mother and her four children in Greenville, Indiana. In desperation, my mother called her older brother in the mountains of NC. He wired her some money, and she loaded us on a bus and we headed to Bakersville, NC. My uncle took us in. All was okay until my mother unexpectedly dropped dead a few months later at the age of 42. On March 5th, 1959, we were taken to Oxford Orphanage. I had just turned nine, and I was scared to death. We were first admitted into the Home's hospital where we got a bunch of shots and were treated for lice and other stuff whether we had it or not.

I can still remember those nights sleeping in the hospital with only my five-year-old brother in a room where there were about 30 beds. The hospital had radiator heat, and the pipes banged and rattled all night. All the imaginary ghosts of the children that had died in the hospital came out during the night. I have never been as scared as I was those first few nights at the orphanage hospital. After a few days, we were divided up and sent to a dormitory where we were put with 31 other children of the same age and gender. Now that was also a scary day.....I remember the boys in the cottage going through my stuff and taking whatever they wanted. At that point, I had no fight left in me as my world had just totally collapsed.

I was in the third grade and had never been to school more than a few months. I have no idea why they passed me to the fourth grade. In the fourth grade, I had a mean old woman teacher, Ellie Parrish, who took a personal interest in me, and she was determined that I would catch up with my classmates. By virtue of her time and effort, I was making the honor roll by the fifth grade. (Years later I had a chance to tell that sweet lady how much I loved her for taking the time and effort to help me catch up). Patrick Jones, in his great book *Nailed* says, "The nail that sticks out farthest gets hammered the hardest." That was certainly true of my 4th grade experience!

The late Rev. Robert H. Schuller said, "Tough times never last, but tough people do." The orphanage was a hard place to be in that period of time. You really did have to be tough or you would break emotionally and mentally.

The orphanage life was controlled by a huge bell that hung from the water tower on campus. It would ring at six in the morning, and we would get up,

make our bed, do our morning chores, take a shower, and get ready for the day. At 6:40 a.m. the bell rang for morning devotion, where we were all required to quote Bible Verses from memory. We used the devotion time to torment our cottage counselors. Each boy would quote a verse that used what we perceived as bad words like hell, damnation, etc. I remember Exodus 20:17: "Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbor's." By this time, the Counselor would freak out and tell us to stop. Then we would repeatedly quote the shortest verse in the Bible "Jesus Wept" until she would go nuts again. Poor Ol' Jesus wept and wept and wept during our morning prayers!

The cottage counselor would be saved from our torments by the 6:55 a.m. bell that rang for us to leave for breakfast. The bell announced every meal and every event all day long for the whole ten years I was at the orphanage. We did not have watches but the bell kept us informed of the time. It was a very simple life.

Maya Angelou said, "I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands; you need to be able to throw some things back." On a profound level, the orphanage taught us to throw back many of the bad things that had happened to so many of us prior to the orphanage. Unhooking from the bad stuff and moving on meant a huge burden was lifted, and life was better and brighter with more colors.

I like the quote because on the first baseball team I played on at the orphanage, I had to use a glove made for a left handed kid. I learned very quickly how to adapt and have fun whether your glove was perfect or not. It was much better to have to use a left handed glove to catch a hard line drive than to try to do it barehanded like some of the other kids had to do.

Routine can be healing for a troubled child — or at least it was for me. Work, school, sports, and life mingled together, and the years went slowly by at the orphanage. The next thing you know I was graduating from high school and leaving the Home and Masons behind for good. At least that is what I thought at the time. God really does have a sense of humor!

Change has been constant at Oxford and today the Home barely resembles what it was like 60 years ago when I arrived. I can tell you that our home is built on sacred ground and is still doing God's work as much today as it was in 1959. It is just doing it in different ways.

Bob Dylan says, "May you grow up to be righteous, may you grow up to be true. May you always know the truth and see the lights surrounding you. May you always be courageous, stand upright and be strong. May you stay, forever young."

My orphanage friends and I have not stayed forever young, but in my mind's eye, I can still feel what it was like as a child at Oxford. I remember all the emotions, the love, the sadness, the times we laughed and the times we cried. We were a tribe of 325 orphaned children. We loved each other back then, and we love each other now.

This year in Oxford at Homecoming my graduating class, the Class of 1968, will be celebrating our 50th high school reunion. On behalf of the Oxford

Orphanage Class of 1968, I would like to personally invite all of you to come on the second weekend in October and visit our home and bring your whole family. Homecoming is one of the premier Masonic events in NC every year. We have wonderful music, great food, and a huge parade featuring all of our Shrine Temples. The weather in October is usually perfect. Come and see the children and God's work in action.

I want to pause and thank the Masons of NC for what you have done for me and my family. Thank you, Thank You, Thank You! I am so proud to say that I am a Mason and that I stand with ALL of you in trying to make the world a better place for those less fortunate.

The late Leonard Cohen (one of my favorite poets and singers) says, "May you be surrounded by friends and family, and if this is not your lot, may the blessings find you in your solitude."

Thank you and God Bless each of you!

Report of the Grand Treasurer

The following Report of the Grand Treasurer was received, entered on the record, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Total Funds available 01/01/2018 (General Funds & Special Funds)	\$681,662
Total Receipts YTD	903,937
Total Disbursements YTD	<u>(836,034)</u>
Total Cash To Be Accounted For	\$749,565

Deposits:	Rate	Maturity	Issue Date	Amount
Petty Cash				\$ 100
1st Citizens Bank (Operating Account)				82,262.86

Money Markets:

North State Bank	VARI	61,472
PNC Bank	VARI	12,849

Investment:	12/31/17	12/31/18	Principle
Alex Brown investmen	683,517	665,890	592,881

Total Cash Accounted For **\$749,565**

Total Cash & Securities YTD

Special Funds Summary	01/01/2018	12/31/2018
Special Contingency Reserve	\$200,000	\$200,000
Emblems and Awards Reserve	8,265	11,998
Automobile Reserve	49,048	26,851
Operation Reserve	112,686	136,356
Building Reserve	120,710	120,710
Office Equipment Reserve	3,299	3,299
Charity Fund	<u>79,161</u>	<u>89,383</u>
Total Special Funds	\$ 573,169	\$ 588,597

Total Special Funds 12/31/2018	588,597
Total General Funds Available	<u>\$ 160,968</u>

Total of All Funds 12/31/2018 **\$ 749,565**

Respectfully Submitted,
Lewis R. Ledford, PGM, Grand Treasurer

Report of the Grand Secretary

The following Report of the Grand Secretary was received, entered on the record, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Grand Lodge of North Carolina 2019 Proposed Budget

Account Name	Budget 2018	Actual 2018	Variance 2018	Budget 2019
Income				
Master Masons @ \$20 Per Capita Tax	\$ 644,300	\$ 645,420	(1,120)	625,400
Initiation Fees @ \$21.00	17,850	15,960	1,890	16,000
[NC Charities @ \$10.00]	(8,500)	(7,590)	(910)	(7,470)
[GL Building @ \$5.00]	(4,250)	(3,795)	(455)	(3,735)

[GWNMA @ \$5.00]	(4,250)	(3,795)	(455)	(3,735)
Initiation Fees Retained [@\$1.00]			0	
Endowed Members	25,000	27,192	(2,192)	28,460
Penalty for Late Returns	250	1,802	(1,552)	500
Dividends and Interest	12,000	10,842	1,158	12,000
Miscellaneous Income	<u>1,000</u>	<u>961</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>1,000</u>

Total Income	683,400	686,997	(3,597)	668,420
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Expenses

800-00	Philanthropy				
800-01	Masonic Home for Children	12,500	12,500	0	12,500
800-02	Masonic and Eastern Star Home	12,500	12,500	0	12,500
800-03	Charity and Relief	4,000	4,000	0	4,000
800-04	VA Hospital Visitation	1,000	-	1,000	250
800-06	Masonic Youth Organizations	4,250	4,250	0	4,250
800-07	Wilkerson College/Scholarships	<u>2,400</u>	<u>2,400</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,200</u>
	Total	36,650	35,650	1,000	34,700

810-00	Salaries and Fees				
810-01	Grand Secretary	94,077	94,077	0	94,077
810-03	Office Personnel	93,450	93,450	0	95,320
810-04	Retirement/Health and Life Insurance HSA	45,339	43,269	2,070	45,556
810-05	Social Security Tax	18,767	19,496	(729)	18,998
810-06	Unemployment Tax	850	850	0	850
810-08	Assistant to the Grand Secretary	57,788	57,788	(0)	58,944
810-09	Summer Intern	1,500	952	548	1,500
810-10	Drewry Memorial Grand Secy. Fund	<u>(16,000)</u>	<u>(17,970)</u>	<u>1,970</u>	<u>(18,000)</u>
	Total	295,771	291,912	3,859	297,245

820-00	Administration Costs				
820-02	Printing	10,500	9,602	898	8,000
820-04	Office Expenses	12,000	8,108	3,892	12,000
820-05	Postage	10,000	5,986	4,014	7,000
820-06	Office Equipment	3,000	2,056	944	1,500
820-07	Office Equipment Maintenance	10,500	12,878	(2,378)	9,500
820-08	Telephone/Internet	8,000	8,249	(249)	7,500
	Membership Services Fees	(80,000)	(81,780)	(1,780)	(45,000)
820-09	Membership Services Expense	68,000	57,947	10,054	42,000
820-11	Auditing/Tax Services	10,000	11,288	(1,288)	10,000
820-13	Legal Fees	3,000	3,000	0	3,000
	Background check fees	(15,000)	(15,314)	(314)	(14,000)
820-14	Background check expenses	<u>10,000</u>	<u>11,149</u>	<u>(1,149)</u>	<u>10,000</u>
	Total	50,000	33,169	12,644	51,500

830-00	Building Expenses				
830-01	Utilities	10,000	11,404	(1,404)	10,000
830-02	Building Grounds Maintenance	17,000	17,563	(563)	17,000
830-03	Building Equipment Maintenance	5,000	2,035	2,965	5,000
830-04	Hazard Insurance	7,000	7,474	(474)	7,000
830-05	Bldg. Reserve-Transfer to Building Reserve	<u>15,000</u>	<u>15,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>20,000</u>
	Total	54,000	53,476	524	59,000

840-00	Membership Fees and Dues				
840-01	Masonic Service Association	2,250	2,290	(40)	2,250
840-02	Conference of Grand Masters	750	500	250	750
840-03	GMC Committee on Recognition	100	100	0	100
840-05	Northeastern Regional Masonic Conf.	<u>300</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>300</u>
	Total	3,400	2,890	510	3,400

850-00	Travel and Officers Expense				
850-01	Grand Master's Travel	10,000	7,824	2,176	8,000
850-02	Grand Master's Automobile	6,000	6,000	0	6,500
850-03	Grand Master's Office	1,250		1,250	250
850-04	Grand Secretary's Travel	7,500	5,484	2,016	7,000
850-05	Grand Secretary's Automobile	4,500	4,500	0	4,500
850-06	Travel - Other DDGM/DDGL Orientation	7,500	7,384	116	7,500
850-07	DDGM/DDGL November Orientation	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,018</u>	<u>(18)</u>	<u>3,500</u>
	Total	41,750	36,210	5,540	37,250
860-00	Boards, Commissions, and Committees				
860-01	Board of General Purposes	6,000	526	5,474	5,000
860-02	Board of Custodians	2,500	3,017	(517)	2,500
860-04	Masonic Public Relations	3,500	1,495	2,005	3,500
860-05	Finance Committee	500	34	466	500
860-06	Code Commission	300		300	300
860-07	Lodge Service Commission	100		100	100
860-08	Masonic Education	3,500	3,406	94	3,500
	Middle Chamber Books expense		5,552	(5,552)	
	Middle Chamber Books sale/Eventbrite Direct Deposit		(6,450)	6,450	
	Eventbrite Direct Deposit		<u>(4,745)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>15,400</u>
	Total	16,400	2,835	8,820	15,400
870-00	Out-of-State Visitation				
870-01	Visiting other Grand Lodges	3,000	1,807	1,193	3,000
870-02	Conference of Grand Masters	6,500	6,406	94	7,500
870-03	Conference of Grand Secretaries	2,000	1,442	558	2,000
870-05	Regional Conference (NE)	3,000	4,229	(1,229)	4,000
870-06	World Masonic Conference	<u>4,000</u>	<u>3,922</u>	<u>78</u>	<u>4,000</u>
	Total	18,500	17,806	694	20,500
880-00	Annual Communication / GLO Installation				
	Grand Lodge Officers		1,785		
	Past Grand Masters		2,910		
	DDGM Travel		2,929		
	DDGL Travel		1,762		
	Boards, Committees, & Comm.		4,045		
	Guests		11,920		
	Auditorium, Banquets, Etc.		21,330		
	Printing		4,490		
	Installation Expenses		9,433		
	Lump sum totals	<u>68,000</u>	<u>60,603</u>	<u>7,397</u>	<u>68,000</u>
	Total	68,000	60,603	7,397	68,000
890-00	Miscellaneous Expenses				
890-01	Awards, Aprons, and Emblems	13,000	14,733	(1,733)	13,000
890-02	Grand Master's Portrait	500	394	106	500
890-04	Miscellaneous	1,000	1,008	(8)	1,000
890-06	Grand Lodge Library & Archives	<u>4,000</u>	<u>4,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3,500</u>
	Total	18,500	20,135	(1,635)	18,000
900-00	Communications				
900-01	Communications Director	28,110	28,110	0	28,110
900-02	Social Security Tax	2,170	2,170	0	2,170
900-03	Printing	51,600	51,600	0	41,600
900-04	Postage	38,000	38,000	0	38,000
900-05	Retirement/Life and Health Insurance	2,620	2,620	0	2,620
900-07	Travel	4,000	4,000	0	4,000
900-08	Equipment and Supplies	2,000	2,000	0	2,000
900-09	Internet Services/Web Page Domain	<u>1,500</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,500</u>
	Total	130,000	130,000	0	120,000

		<u>Budget 2018</u>	<u>Actual 2018</u>	<u>Variance 2018</u>	<u>Budget 2019</u>
Acct. No.	EXPENSE SUMMARY				
800-00	Philanthropy	36,650	35,650	1,000	34,700
810-00	Salaries and Fees	295,771	291,912	3,859	297,245
820-00	Administration Costs	50,000	33,169	16,832	51,500
830-00	Building Expenses	54,000	53,476	524	59,000
840-00	Membership Fees and Dues	3,400	2,890	510	3,400
850-00	Travel and Officers Expense	41,750	36,210	5,540	37,250
860-00	Boards and Committees Office and Travel	16,400	2,835	13,565	15,400
870-00	Out-of-State Visitation	18,500	17,806	694	20,500
880-00	Annual Communication	68,000	60,603	7,397	68,000
890-00	Miscellaneous Expenses	18,500	20,135	(1,635)	18,000
900-00	North Carolina Mason	130,000	130,000	0	120,000
	Total Expenses (Series 800 - 910)	732,971	684,686	48,285	724,995

2018 Membership Statistics

Membership 1/1/2018	38,175
Initiated	756
Raised	572
Admitted.....	342
Restored	298
Total Gains	1,212
Expelled	15
Suspended UMC	0
Excluded NPD.....	1,012
Demitted	347
Died	1,213
Total Losses	2,587
Membership adjustments	25
Total membership 12/31/2018	36,825

Service Awards for 2018

Twenty-five-year Service Awards.....	533
Fifty-Year Veteran Awards.....	454
Sixty-Year Awards.....	174

Respectfully submitted,
T. Walton Clapp III, Grand Secretary

Report of the Committee on Charity

The Committee on Charity presented the following report, which was received, entered on the record, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Your Committee on Charity wishes to report the following disbursements for the calendar year 2018:

To TER	\$1,000
To GRW	1,000
To DDG	1,000

To AB	1,000
To GR, Jr.	1,000
To DM, Jr.	1,000
To RB	<u>1,000</u>
TOTAL	\$7,000

Respectfully submitted,
Johnny Surles, Chairman

Report of the Committee on Permanent Building

The following report of the Committee on Permanent Building was received and entered on the record.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee on the Permanent Building remains exceptionally proud of the improvements made in our headquarters building over the past few years. We continue to work on the restoration of the building and, like last year, to collaborate with the Library Committee to display paintings, prints, and objects found in the artifact collections. To this end, the bookshelves in the Conference Room have been renovated with glass shelves for displays, as well as cost and energy efficient LED lighting. Similar recessed lighting has been installed down the interior wall of the Conference Room, greatly enhancing the appearance and illumination of the room. As of August samples of new lighting fixtures arrived for assessment, and a forthcoming selection will be made in order to replace the fixtures in the main offices and ground floor classroom with energy and cost efficient fixtures.

The grounds have been improved with energy efficient light fixtures in the parking lot, which more adequately light the lot after dark. The grassed area at the rear of the building has been reduced in size by the expansion of several natural beds. This reduces the amount of area requiring mowing and creates a more finished look to the yard. Several diseased rosebushes have been pulled up along the side of the building and will be replaced with relatively self-sufficient plants. A new staircase was added to the backyard, providing access from Glen Eden Drive to the building's rear amphitheater and deck. This will enable visitors who have parked across Glen Eden Drive to have access to the building and grounds during special events. The steps were constructed as a courtesy by the firm who developed the acreage behind the building.

The committee has entered into discussion with HVAC engineers to assess the building's aging HVAC system. The system is nearly 15 years old, and parts and coolant are becoming more difficult and more expensive to come by. In anticipation of the system's replacement, the Committee recommends additional funds be put into the Building Reserve Account to facilitate the future replacement of the units as they fail.

Keeping the value and integrity of any building is not inexpensive or without effort. The cost of preserving our home is a reminder that regularly budgeting and contributing to our building fund is important in every budget. The contributions made toward the building's restoration thus far have certainly remade our home into the showplace it once was and of which we should be proud. We invite you to come see its splendor.

Respectfully submitted,
Edward R. Johnson, Chairman

Report of the Grand Historian

The following report of the Grand Historian was received and entered on the record.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Legend plays a large part in the formative history of Freemasonry. When the world was several thousand years younger, gods were jealous of their name. It was thought that if you knew the name of a god, that you had some power and control over him; and the Hebrew God was no exception. For example, when Moses asked the Hebrew God his name on Mount Sinai, the deity simply replied, "I am that I am."

Legend tells us there was one ancient patriarch that found favor in the eyes of the Hebrew God, and that patriarch was Enoch. Enoch, father of Methuselah and great-grandfather of Noah, is a figure found in the book of Genesis, and a man described as "beloved by God." The story of Enoch states that God so loved Enoch that he decided to reveal to him his true name. In a dream, God wafted Enoch over mountains and down valleys until he reached the high summit of a mountain, and there, in the sky, God wrote his ineffable name. That mountain was Mount Moriah.

On awakening, Enoch and his sons retraced the journey of the dream. When they arrived at Mount Moriah, Enoch inscribed upon a triangle of gold, the ineffable name of deity, and he and his sons excavated nine vaults into the earth. At the bottom of the ninth vault, he placed that triangle of gold on a cube of agate and at the top of the vaults they built a small shrine of rough stone. Genesis tells us that Enoch was taken up to heaven by God.

Eons later, when King Solomon was building his temple on Mount Moriah to house the Ark of the Covenant, he sent three workmen, led by the Craftsman Adoniram, to survey the land for the construction of an administrative building. The workmen found Enoch's long-forgotten rude shrine and began excavating. At the bottom of the ninth vault they found the cube of agate and the triangle of gold inscribed with the name of deity. Adoniram took the golden triangle to King Solomon. Solomon, in his wisdom, recognized the name of deity inscribed upon the golden triangle. Solomon then called his friends, Hiram, King of Tyre, and the Master Builder, Hiram Abif. The three of them decided that the inscribed name of deity would be the Master's word to be given to the craftsmen once the temple was completed. King Solomon then ordered a room to be excavated beneath the sanctum sanctorum of the temple, and there the three Grand Masters placed the triangle of gold for safekeeping.

The second section of the Master Mason's degree deals with the loss of the Master's word. King Solomon's Temple lasted 365 years, until it was destroyed by the Babylonian king, Nebuchadnezzar. However, King Solomon's subterranean vault survived and the Master's word was recovered when the second Temple under Zerubbabel was built 70 years later.

Today's speculative Freemasonry accepts men of all faiths, so the recovered word of deity has many names. But whatever the name, it is for each Freemason to discover, to be given, to have, to hold, to glorify, to worship, to protect and to carry with him when he hopes to be translated from this imperfect, to that all-perfect glorious and celestial Lodge above, where the Supreme Architect of the Universe, [the word] presides.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael W. Brantley, Grand Historian

Report of the Lodge Services Commission

The following report of the Lodge Service Commission was received, entered on the record, and adopted by the delegates.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Lodge Service Commission (LSC) wishes to thank Most Worshipful Grand Master Speed Hallman for his vote of confidence and assistance as we addressed items submitted to us this year. I want to thank each of the commission members for their timely and helpful input on items that have been addressed this year. The LSC is comprised of WB Christopher L. Burti, WB John T. Hudson, RWB William L. Mills III, and WB James B. Sykes. Each of these brethren has been very helpful, willing, and thoughtful as they addressed requests and issues presented to them. These brethren have never hesitated to take the time to communicate in a timely manner and consider all aspects of the business before them.

The following is a report on the various applications and inquiries that have been submitted to, and addressed by, the Lodge Service Commission during 2017-2018.

Information was provided to Apex Lodge No. 584, located in Apex, pertaining to how to process real property left to the lodge by a deceased member.

Information was provided to Joseph Warren Lodge No. 92, located in Stantonsburg, regarding building condition and financial options related to repairs.

Information was provided to a number of lodges in the Charlotte area regarding the sell and purchase of real property as well as temple association related matters.

The documents for Millbrook Lodge No. 97, located in Raleigh, to lease meeting space to the Raleigh York Rite Bodies were reviewed and approved.

Documents for the sale of the Raleigh Masonic Temple Association property located on Caswell Street, Raleigh, were approved. The property is currently under contract, and the closing date is to be determined.

The LSC reviewed and approved the sale of the building owned by Cherokee Lodge No. 146, located in Murphy. The lodge is currently actively working to locate and purchase land in order to construct a new lodge building. The LSC has provided information related to the purchase process and continues to assist as needed.

Information has been received from the Gastonia Masonic Temple Association related to the sale of the building and lot located on South Street in Gastonia. The application and related documentation is currently being prepared for review by the LSC.

The LSC provided information to the Greensboro Masonic Temple Association related to a long term lease of a building currently unused for Masonic functions. Documentation will be prepared and forwarded to the LSC for review.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers, and staff of the Grand Lodge of NC office, we wish to thank you for the service you have given to the LSC and Masons of North Carolina during the past year. Thank you for the opportunity to serve the brethren of North Carolina and the Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,
James W. Howell, PM, Chairman

Report of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence

The following report of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence was received and entered on the record. Action of each request was voted on later in the session. The results of each decision are reported here.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

During the past year, formal requests for recognition have been received from four grand lodges. This Grand Lodge subscribes to the services of the Commission on Information for Recognition of the Conference of Grand Masters in North America to gather information and investigate whether the grand lodge in question satisfies the conditions of regularity. The Commission's guidelines or Standards for Recognition are as follows:

- Legitimacy of Origin
- Exclusive Territorial Jurisdiction, except by mutual consent and/or treaty
- Adherence to the Ancient Landmarks – specifically, a belief in God, the Volume of Sacred Law as an indispensable part of the furniture of the lodge, and the prohibition of the discussion of politics and religion.

Brazil State-Espírito Santo

The Grande Loja Maçônica do Estado do Espírito Santo was founded November 8, 1970, as a legitimate and regular power extending its jurisdiction throughout the whole state of Espírito Santo, located in the southeast region of Brazil. It is a member of the World Conference of the Regular Masonic Grand Lodges, of the Confederación Masónica Interamericana (CMI), and to the Brazilian Symbolic Free-Masonry Confederation (CMSB). The Commission on Information determined these Brazilian grand orients are practicing regular Masonry. Therefore, it is the recommendation of this committee to approve recognition of the Grande Loja Maçônica do Estado do Espírito Santo.

On motion and second, the delegates approved the recognition.

Gran Logia Simbolica del Paraguay

The Gran Logia Simbolica del Paraguay was founded September 7, 1871, and reestablished on June 6, 1887. It was and is a legitimate and regular power extending its jurisdiction throughout all of Paraguay. Its forms, functions, and jurisdiction were well established by the time the Gran Logia Simbolica del Paraguay received recognition from the United Grand Lodge of England on March 2, 1910. The Gran Logia has operated regularly since that time, however an unfortunate schism occurred within the Gran Logia Simbolica del Paraguay in 2006 which has not healed. To complicate matters, the splinter Gran Logia adopted the same name, structure, and even physical address (but a different floor) as the original Gran Logia Simbolica del Paraguay, and spuriously supplanted the original Gran Logia in its work and international recognition. Language and cultural barriers have hindered the Commission on Information for Recognition in recognizing the true Gran Logia. However, Most Worshipful Jorge L. Aladro, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Florida and a member of the Commission on Information for Recognition, undertook an extensive investigation of the matter, visited both Gran Logias, reviewed each's documents of origin, deeds, and other records and determined, the Gran Logia Simbolica del Paraguay whose Grand Master is Benign A. Villasanti is the legitimate Masonic body of the nation of Paraguay. It is therefore the recommendation of this committee to re-establish ties and re-recognize the Gran Logia Simbolica del Paraguay whose Grand Master is Benign A. Villasanti.

On motion and second, the delegates voted to re-recognize the Gran Logia Simbolica del Paraguay whose Grand Master is Benign A. Villasanti and withdraw recognition from Gran Logia Simbolica del Paraguay whose Grand Master is Edgar Sanchez Caballero.

Respectfully submitted,
Charles A. Lewis, Jr., PGM
Fraternal Correspondent

Petitions for Restoration

Petitions for Restoration were received, entered on the record, and referred to the Committee on Appeals. The petitions are listed along with their dispositions in the Report of the Committee on Appeals.

Report of the Judge Advocate

The report of the Judge Advocate was received, entered on the record, and referred to the Committee on Appeals. The dockets are listed along with their dispositions in the report of the Committee on Appeals.

Report of the Committee on Bylaws

The Following report of the Committee on Bylaws was received, entered on the record, and adopted by the delegates.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Your Committee on By-Laws of Subordinate Lodges reports that amendments to the by-laws of the following lodges were approved during the year 2017-18. They are listed in lodge order.

Lodge Name	Article	Description
Royal White Hart 2	Art 8	meeting time changed to 7pm
Johnston-Caswell 10	Art 10	dues increase to \$150
Phalanx 31	Art 19	
Phalanx 31	Art 10	dues increased to \$80 plus per capita
Lafayette 83	Art 9	initiation fee increased to \$250
	Art 11	affiliation fee increased to \$25
	Art 13	charity amount increased to \$500
St. Alban's 114	Art 10	dues increased to \$75 plus per capita
Mt. Hermon 118	Art 9	initiation fee increased to \$235
Junaluskee 145	Art 8	changing meeting time of lodge
Cherokee 146	Art 10	dues increased to \$80
Palmyra 147		Complete revision of bylaws
Cary 198	Art 10	dues increased to \$175 plus per capita
Cary 198	Art 9	initiation fee increased to \$245
Eno 210	Art 10	dues increased to \$75
William G. Hill 218	Art 10	dues increased to \$55 plus per capita and per capita rent by Temple Association
William T. Bain 231		Complete revision of bylaws
Grafton 243	Art 10	dues increased to \$135
Monroe 244	Art 8	changing meeting time of lodge
	Art 8	annual meeting in November
	Art 9	initiation fee increased to \$125
	Art 11	affiliation fee increased to \$25
Kenly 257	Art 10	dues increased to \$80 plus per capita
Kenly 257	Art 9	initiation fee increased to \$150

Fuquay 258		Complete revision of bylaws
Gaston 263	Art 9	initiation fee increased to \$130
	Art 10	dues increased to \$90 plus per capita
	Art 11	affiliation fee increased to \$25
Beaver Dam 276	Art 10	dues increased to \$100 plus per capita
Gastonia 369	Art 10	dues increased to \$25 plus per capita and assessment of the Gastonia Masonic Temple Co
Forest City 381	Art 9	initiation fee increased to \$100 plus investigation fee
Orient 395	Art 9	initiation fee increased to \$200 plus investigation fee
	Art 19	miscellaneous provisions
University 408	Art 8	change meeting time to 7:30pm
Maxton 417	Art 10	dues increased to \$50 plus per capita
Sparta 423	Art 8	change in meeting nights
Enfield 447	Art 8	meeting time changed
Rockingham 495	Art 8	meeting time changed to 7pm
	Art 9	initiation fee increased to \$125
Rockingham 495	Art 10	dues increased to \$100
Rockingham 495	Art 9	initiation fee increased to \$200
Mooreville 496		Complete revision of bylaws
Cherryville 505	Art 8	annual meeting in November
Belhaven 509	Art 10	dues increased to \$100
Corinthian 542	Art 8	changing meeting time of lodge
	Art 19	institute special ballot procedures
Spencer 543		Complete revision of bylaws
Tabor 563	Art 19	institute special ballot procedures
Richlands 564	Art 10	dues increased to \$100 plus per capita
Doric 568	Art 9	initiation fee increased to \$100 plus
investigation fee		
Mt. Pleasant 573	Art 9	initiation fee increased to \$200
	Art 10	dues increased to \$80 plus per capita tax
	Art 11	affiliation fee eliminated
Andrew Jackson 576	Art 10	dues pro rated
	Art 11	affiliation fee increased to \$50
Andrew Jackson 576	Art 10	dues increased to \$80 plus per capita
Waccamaw 596	Art 9	initiation fee increased to \$185
Riverside 606		Complete revision of bylaws
Belmont 627	Art 10	dues increased to \$75
	Art 10	dues increased to \$80 effective 2021
	Art 10	dues increased to \$85 effective 2024
	Art 10	dues increased to \$90 effective 2027
Belmont 627	Art 13	charity amount increased to \$200
Guilford 656	Art 5	filing a report of the Treasurer by Feb

	Art 6	filing a report of the Secretary by Feb
	Art 10	dues increased to \$50 plus per capita and per capita rent by Temple Assoc.
	Art 11	affiliation fee increased to \$25
Washington 675	Art 10	dues increased to \$80 plus per capita
Fellowship 687	Art 10	dues increased to \$80 plus per capita
	Art 11	affiliation fee increased to \$50
Fellowship 687	Art 8	meeting times in November and December
Scotland Neck 689	Art 8	meeting time changed
Charles M. Setzer 693	Art 10	dues increased to \$100 plus per capita
Albemarle 703	Art 10	dues increased to \$80 plus per capita
Conover 709	Art 13	charity amount increased to \$100
Stanley 713	Art 10	dues increased to \$70 plus per capita
Liberty 714	Art 13	charity amount increased to \$500
Burnsville 717		Complete revision of bylaws
Steele Creek 737	Art 19	permitting facilities to be rented with alcohol permitted
Denver 757	Art 19	institute special ballot procedures
Orphans 761	Art 19	additional duties of the Finance Committee
Knights of Solomon 764	Art 8	meeting time changed
Lodge of the Nine Sisters UD	Art 8	change in meeting nights
	Art 8	change location of lodge
Lodge of the Nine Sisters UD	Art 8	location of lodge updated

Respectfully submitted,
T. Walton Clapp III, Grand Secretary
Chairman

Report of the Committee on WhiteStone

The following report of the Committee on WhiteStone (MESH) was received, entered on the record, and referred to the Board of Directors of WhiteStone.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee on WhiteStone: A Masonic and Eastern Star Community is pleased to report its findings and recommendations to the delegates and attendees of the 231st Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina. For more than a century, our home in Greensboro has provided care for our senior brothers, sisters, and family members in need. Some 300 residents call WhiteStone home. The facility employs nearly 250 full and part-time employees and operates on a \$16 million annual budget. This growth and excellence in care would not have been possible without the ongoing support of individual brothers, their lodges, and the Grand Lodge.

Our committee is charged with visiting our Home in Greensboro and reporting on its conditions and management. Throughout the year, committee members attended board meetings, participated in the annual Family Day in May, and toured our home. We are grateful for the new Executive Director Mark Lewis's assistance with our work and for his and the Chairman of the Board, MW Brother Gene Jernigan's, consistently outstanding leadership throughout the year. We also extend our thanks to

the WhiteStone staff for their dedication and service to the residents and their support of our committee this year.

We are pleased to report to the Craft that WhiteStone is financially strong, the condition of the property is excellent, and operations continue to be both efficient and professional. The success at WhiteStone has resulted in a list of more than 40 people waiting to become residents.

Operating Highlights

- \$16 M annual operating budget
- Independent Living 97% average occupancy
- Assisted Living/Memory Care unit 100% average occupancy
- Care and Wellness Center 97% average occupancy
- Resident age range: 65 to 111

Future Plans

Nationally, statistics indicate the population of US citizens aged 65+ will grow annually by 3.3% across our nation — but by 3.5% in North Carolina. Statistics also indicate the Independent Living population will increase by 3.7% annually. Along with the fact that the average age of our Masonic membership is 62.87 years, the data indicates a strong need for expansion at WhiteStone to accommodate this growth.

The vision to moving forward with the expansion is to provide a full continuum of care offering a seamless transition of care for residents moving between the Independent Living, Assisted Living, Memory Care, and Skilled Nursing Care as needed. To achieve this vision, we plan to expand the current Independent Living area, add a free-standing Assisted Living building, double our memory care capacity, and renovate the existing Care and Wellness Center to better meet resident needs (which includes the creation of additional private rooms). Additionally, the expansion will include enhanced common areas, underground parking, and new auditorium space.

The WhiteStone Board of Directors and management are currently working with architects to further define the scope of improvements and expansion of facilities. We are confident that this expansion will further solidify WhiteStone's position as one of the state's premier providers for a full continuum of care both for our fraternal members and the greater community.

- Newly constructed Independent Living (IL) wing of 64 units.
- Newly constructed Assisted Living (AL) with memory care unit.
 - 24 Assisted Living Suites
 - 12 Memory Care Suites
- Renovation of Care and Wellness Center common areas and conversion of 25 semi-private resident rooms to private accommodations.

Charity Summary

Donations to:	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
WhiteStone					
Masonic Charities	\$91,262	\$100,839	\$112,045	\$125,053	\$176,742
Eastern Star					
Charities	\$278,379	\$23,680	\$263,750	\$363,723	\$1,235
*NC MESH LLC	\$562,754	\$316,699	\$339,768	\$379,591	\$339,621
Individual					
Contributions	\$1,160,991	\$659,829	\$731,440	\$249,140	\$523,233
TOTAL	\$2,093,386	\$1,101,047	\$1,447,003	\$1,117,357	\$1,040,831

*Note: The NC Masonic and Eastern Star Home Foundation LLC (NC MESH LLC) was established in 2012 to receive tax-deductible donations and help administer and fund fraternal-based charity.

As can be seen in the tables above, overall contributions to WhiteStone have been steady over the last several years, and Masons and Eastern Stars across our state are to be commended for their support of our wonderful home. In 2017, WhiteStone contributed over \$1M in financial assistance to 40 plus fraternally related residents. Three years ago, WhiteStone, in a partnership with our other Masonic and Eastern Star Charity for aging brothers and sisters, NC MESH LLC, made several units and rooms available at the home for fraternal members who could not afford the entrance fee and/or monthly maintenance fees. Through this partnership a number of applications have been approved to receive financial assistance and move into the community. In addition to this direct financial support for fraternal residents, WhiteStone offers an “adopt a resident” program, whereby various Masonic lodges and Eastern Star chapters adopt fraternal residents to provide gifts, cards, and other support directly to those individuals on an ongoing basis.

Additionally, WhiteStone has begun developing other means of providing assistance for non-residents that are less costly and which allow our members to stay independent and in their own homes longer. In October of 2009, WhiteStone initiated its medical equipment loan/information hotline program and began providing guidance for those fraternal members and families requiring assistance navigating various Medicaid, Medicare, and Veterans support programs.

In 2017, WhiteStone and NC MESH LLC developed another outreach, the NC Masonic and Eastern Star Outreach Program (MESOP). MESOP is for Masonic and Eastern Star members, age 65 years and older, and their spouses. Its primary objective is to ensure that our Sisters, Brothers, and spouses have access to the services and resources they need to stay in their own homes for as long as possible. The outreach program has also seen growth in 2018 and continues to receive requests from across North Carolina. Assistance comes in many forms from that of emergency and long term financial assistance as well as case management by our Outreach Coordinator. Case management is the process of assessment, planning, facilitation, care coordination, and evaluation of options and services to meet an individual’s comprehensive health needs and promote quality, cost-effective outcomes. This can be an extremely effective tool to help our fraternally related members to remain at home, independently, as long as they can do so with a quality of life. The toll-free number established for the Outreach Program is 1-833-853-1449.

Our committee wishes to thank the Grand Lodge and WhiteStone’s residents and staff for giving us the opportunity to learn more about our Home and its charitable work. We hope you will take the opportunity to visit WhiteStone and see for yourself the impact of our fraternity’s involvement in the lives of the residents there. You may even consider holding a lodge meeting there to enjoy fellowship with Masonic residents who are not able to travel to meetings or simply visit the recently chartered MESH

Lodge 771, which meets at 2:00 pm on the second Saturday of each month. Or think about adopting a resident — this is a small investment of time and resources that yields tremendous personal rewards for the recipients, as well as those who give. Feel free to contact Mark Lewis if you'd like to explore any of these ideas.

Finally, the committee encourages each and every brother, as well as every lodge, to strongly consider regular contributions in support of WhiteStone and NC MESH LLC. Your dollars go directly to support aging Brothers and Sisters in need, both at the home in Greensboro as well as at their own homes. North Carolina Masons can be proud of the good work they are doing in support of their aging brethren.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevan Frazier, Chairman
Chance Corbin
Bruce Gordon
Jonathan Johnson
O'Neal McCall
Roger Lambertson
Tim Swaringen
Tim Taylor
Chris Wilhoit

Report of the Committee on the Masonic Home for Children at Oxford

The following report of the Committee on The Masonic Home for Children at Oxford was received, entered on the record, and referred to the Board of Directors of the Masonic Home for Children at Oxford.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Grand Lodge Committee on the Masonic Home for Children at Oxford (MHCO) visited our Home on April 21, 2018. The committee members met with Br. Kevin Otis, the Administrator of the MHCO, alongside house parents and other employees. The committee members toured the facilities, inspecting the children's cottages, independent living apartments, York Rite Chapel, print shop, and gymnasium.

The MHCO serves children in need by providing two programs: direct residential care and independent living (ILP). The direct residential care program provides a home care model for children who have not graduated high school. The children in residential care live in a home with a childcare couple in a family setting. Children in the residential care program attend the Granville County public schools. The ILP program is designed for children ages 18 to 21 and assists high school graduates transitioning to adult life. The ILP students reside on campus in studio apartments while continuing their education by attending Vance-Granville Community College (VGCC). In addition, they are provided assistance in obtaining part-time employment.

This school year was a tremendous success with two high school seniors and one East Carolina University senior graduating (a 100% graduation rate). Four ILP residents earned certifications at VGCC: two Automotive Mechanic Certifications, one Certified Nursing Assistant, and one Culinary Arts Certification. These accomplishments were celebrated at the Baccalaureate Service where Alumnus Devante Hicks inspired those in attendance with his account of the impact the Home has had on his own life. Mr. Hicks also motivated the youth by recognizing the challenges they face, encouraging them to understand their internal strength, and utilizing this opportunity to fully realize their potential. Immediately after the Baccalaureate, six donors were recognized

and inducted into the Hayes-Neal Society, while nineteen scholarships and the Alumni Citizenship Award were awarded to seven students continuing their education in pursuit of their dreams. There were other significant academic milestones as four students graduated eighth grade, three graduated kindergarten, and two graduated pre-school. The promotion rate for this year was 95%. All ILP residents are employed in the community at this time.

As the youth achieved their goals, they also progressed according to their individual plans. Over the past quarter nineteen youth transitioned out of the program. For many this was a natural development due to completing their academic and employment goals. For others their family situation improved, and several sibling groups returned home. During the same period, twelve children were admitted, and eight more children were placed in a single day in early in July.

2016 saw the MHCO's inaugural class of Ambassadors. On April 20 and 21, the Third Class of Ambassadors gathered in the Cobb Center for a 2-day orientation. The Ambassadors toured the cottages, asked questions, and interacted directly with children and House Parents. The Ambassadors will work with our lodges and others to provide information about the MHCO and are requested to provide a three-year commitment to the program.

Our 2018 Ambassadors are:

Tommy Cook

Chris Gibson

Rodney Hardy

Ron Hensley

Kevin Howell

Chase Huffer

Richard A. Wall

Martin Jackson

John Lloyd

Michael McMorrow

David Ozvat

James Pugsley Scott

Sigmon Victor Vogelsang

At the present, we have 39 Ambassadors for the Home out of 41 Districts. We still need Ambassadors for Districts 5 and 10. If you are interested in serving as an Ambassador, please contact your DDGM and request a referral.

This year's Great Landscape Day was another huge success with over 100 volunteers helping mulch, clean, and spruce up the campus for Spring. God's Half Acre continues to develop with ongoing love and care. Another important change is the progress of the new pool. In May the final pool inspection was approved. The existing pool and pool house have been demolished, and significant erosion was discovered due to extensive, ongoing leaks. Final installation for the slide is needed before the shell can be poured. Immediately following, the pump house and pool house construction will begin. Timelines for completion are not definite. Downtime related to the slide decision and weather have had an impact, but hope remains the pool shall be completed by the end of the summer. This is an ongoing capital improvement project that deserves our support. If you would like to support the pool project, please contact Chris Richardson with the NC Masonic Foundation by email at: crichardson@mfnc.org, or by phone at: 919-690-5996.

The Summer Academy was held for the 4th consecutive year this summer. The

purpose of the Academy is to address many of the pre-employment needs our children have through a concentrated two-week program. High school age residents who are not yet employed participate in the Summer Academy Program. During the 2018 Summer Academy, the children visited East Carolina University, a Walmart Distribution Center, Mako Medical Labs, and Tri-Arc Food Systems. These students also volunteered at the Ronald McDonald House. Public Appreciation Day included the children washing vehicles for public servants including police, sheriff, and fire personnel. All these offerings provide an opportunity for the children and youth to learn, develop, and give back in a fun and productive way.

One significant change in the summer schedule worth noting is the transition from a traditional school calendar to a year-round school with the elementary-aged (K-5th) students. This adjustment is intended to promote academic success but will present a challenge in that other grades are not participating in the same calendar at this time.

The MHCO Homecoming will take place October 12-14th. BBQ teams begin cooking on Friday, October 12, and the Moonlighter's Orchestra will play that evening. Orphan's Lodge No. 761 will hold a stated communication Saturday, October 13, at 8:00 AM. The Parade step off time has been moved back to 11:00 AM to accommodate those traveling. The Parade staging area for this year has also changed and will be in front of the Fire Department Station located at 112 E. McClanahan Street in Oxford. Country Artist Bryan Mayer performs on the 13th beginning at noon. Please check the website www.mhc-oxford.org for additional information and registration. For those staying through Sunday, there will be a worship service Sunday morning in the York Rite Chapel. As always, Homecoming is an opportunity for you to visit the Home with your lodge, your friends, and your family. There you will see firsthand the good work we are doing for at-risk children in North Carolina!

The committee would like to thank Br. Kevin Otis for the time he and the staff at the MHCO spent with us during our visit, as well as for making available to us the information contained in this report. If you would like additional information regarding the MHCO, please review the 2018 Annual Achievement Report. This report summarizes the achievements of the Home for 2018, as well as providing a complete financial report for the Home. It is available on the MHCO's website, or a hard copy can be requested directly from the Home.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry B. Thompson, Jr., SGD, Chairman
Timothy J. Hawkins
Gregory N. Flowers
Timothy M. Willett
Craig P. Steelman
Thomas A. VanEtten
Junior J. Caldwell
Frank D. Wanko
Marcus A. Sessoms

Petition for a Charter from Lodge of the Nine Sisters UD, Raleigh

The following Petition for a Charter from Lodge of the Nine Sisters UD was received, entered on the record and referred to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina:

The subscriber hereto respectfully represent that, on the twelfth day of June, CE 2017, AL 6017, a dispensation was issued by the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina for the establishment of a new lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, at Raleigh in the County of Wake, by the name of Lodge of the Nine Sisters, and that said lodge has worked regularly since that time as appears from the transcript of it records, bylaws, and returns herewith presented.

They, therefore, now pray that a charter be granted to the said lodge, with the following officers, to-wit: Brother John Gregory Wallace, Master; Brother Matthew Nathaniel Parker, Senior Warden; and Brother Chance Brooks Corbin, Junior Warden. And they do promise, as heretofore, a strict conformity to the edicts of the Grand Master, and to the Constitution and laws of the Grand Lodge.

Given under our hands on this the 23rd day of August, CE 2018, AL 6018.

Respectfully submitted,
Members of Lodge of Nine Sisters, UD

Resolution for St. John's Lodge No. 1 to Receive a Duplicate Charter

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

WHEREAS, St. John's Lodge No. 1, AF & AM located in Wilmington, NC, is a regular lodge originally chartered in 1755 and accepted a charter by the Grand Lodge of North Carolina in 1794, and

WHEREAS, the chartered history of St. John's Lodge No. 1, AF & AM remains unbroken, and

WHEREAS, St. John's Lodge No. 1, AF & AM 1794 charter issued by the Grand Lodge of AF & AM of North Carolina is now illegible due to age and deterioration, and

WHEREAS, the required fee of \$150 has been submitted.

NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED: St. John's Lodge No. 1, AF & AM,

Wilmington, NC, hereby petitions the Grand Lodge of North Carolina for a duplicate charter. It also requests consideration for the original charter to be "loaned" as part of the "furniture" of the lodge in lieu of surrendering to the Grand Secretary's Office as required in Regulation 41-4.2.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry C. Brown, Master

Resolution of the Committee on Finance

The following resolution from the Committee on Finance was received, entered on the record, and adopted by the delegates.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Resolved, That the report of the Committee on Finance shall be the first order of business at the morning session of the Grand Lodge held on Saturday, September 29, 2018, and,

Resolved, further, That all resolutions, motions, and reports asking for or carrying appropriations and expenditures not included in the 2019 proposed budget, shall be placed before the Grand Lodge before 4:00 p.m. on Friday, September 28, 2018, and,

Resolved, further, That all such matters offered after 4:00 p.m. on Friday, September 28, 2018, be carried over to the next business communication of this Grand Lodge when the 2020 budget will be considered.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin Combs, Chairman

Report of the Committee on Unfinished Business

The report of the Committee on Unfinished Business was received, entered on the record, and referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence. The matters contained therein, along with the dispositions thereof, are included in the report on the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

Report of the Representative to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association

The following report of the representative to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association was received and entered on the record.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

In May 1909, Joseph W. Eggleston, Grand Master of Virginia, invited the Grand Masters from across America to meet at Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22 to discuss the creation of an association to build “a suitable Memorial Temple to George Washington, the Mason”. On February 22, 1910, the 169th Birthday of George Washington, representatives from 26 Grand Jurisdictions, along with Jacob Dickson, Secretary of War, William H. Mann, Governor of Virginia, and William Howard Taft, President of the United States, met in Alexandria, Virginia. At this meeting, the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association was formed. A construction site on Shooter’s Hill in Alexandria, Virginia, was acquired in 1915. On November 1, 1923, the cornerstone was laid, and on May 15, 1932, the Memorial was dedicated. The design of the Memorial was inspired by the lighthouse of Alexandria, Egypt. The design incorporates the classical architecture of the Greeks and the Romans, with the 3 sections of the tower ascending in the Doric, Ionic, and Corinthian orders of architecture. The Memorial is capped with a pyramid symbolizing Light.

In 2009, restoration work on the Memorial began with the goal of completing the restoration work by 2023. Last year, it was reported that the mural by Br. Allyn Cox depicting George Washington laying of the cornerstone of the United States Capitol Building had been removed for repair and restoration. This mural is a 48 x 18 foot oil on canvas painting, making its removal and restoration very complex. The restoration work to the wall and the mural were completed, and the mural has been returned to its place on the South wall of the Memorial Hall.

In January of this year, a new reception station was constructed in the North entrance of the Memorial Hall. Bronze handrails have been installed on the handicap ramps at the North and South Lodge Rooms, as well as at the main entrance of the Memorial Hall. Concrete walkways were installed in front of the Memorial along the entrance driveway. These walkways extend to the sidewalks on Callahan Drive and King Street. Progress has been made in restoring the exterior of floors 5 through 7. The

restoration work involves the removal and repointing of the mortar joints, restoration of the exterior stone work, repair and replacement of lead weather caps on all the horizontal joints, and restoration and waterproofing of the roofs on the 5th and 7th floors. New LED lighting has been added to the pyramid at the top of the Memorial. The scaffolding has been removed to the 3rd and 4th floors where the exterior restoration will continue. Ongoing projects include repaving the front driveway, replacing the windows in the Memorial Hall, and the restoration of Br. Cox's mural on the North wall depicting George Washington attending a St. John's Day Observance at Christ Church in Philadelphia. Of note, Br. Cox also painted the murals on both walls in the Great Hall of our Grand Lodge building in Raleigh.

The George Washington Masonic National Memorial features a different Grand Lodge every month. In July, the Grand Lodge of North Carolina was the featured Grand Lodge. The North Carolina exhibit included documents and other memorabilia from Army Lodge A formed in 1918 during World War I. As part of the celebration of North Carolina, The Lodge of Nine Sisters, UD, was granted a dispensation to open at Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22 on Saturday, July 21. During this emergent communication, Br. Ryan Ferson of Cannon Memorial Lodge No. 626 was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason with GM Speed Hallman presiding in the East and several of the Grand Line Officers and PGM Doug Caudle filling the several stations and places during the second section of the degree.

The George Washington Masonic National Memorial began a \$1 Per Member Campaign to support the restoration and continued operation of the Memorial. Currently there are 31 Grand Jurisdictions supporting the Memorial by contributing \$1 per Mason campaign. North Carolina does not currently participate in the \$1 per Mason campaign. North Carolina Masons contributed \$4,290.00 in 2017 through its \$5 per initiate campaign. It is the hope and goal of the Memorial that the remaining jurisdictions will join the \$1 Per Member Campaign. This would then fulfill the original concept the Founders envisioned, which is that the Memorial is owned and supported by every Mason in America. It is recommended that North Carolina continue to review options that would allow every member in our jurisdiction to be an annual contributor to this historical landmark.

Finally, I would like to thank Most Worshipful Douglas L. Caudle, PGM 2015, for his service as a member of the Board of Directors for the Memorial. PGM Caudle will end his term as a member of the Board of Directors this coming February. His continued dedication to our Craft both within and without our grand jurisdiction is gratefully appreciated.

Remember that the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, Inc. is a non-profit organization under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and contributions are tax-deductible to the full extent permitted by law.

Respectfully submitted,

R. David Wicker, Jr., JGW, Representative

Report of the Representative to the Masonic Service Association

The following report of the representative to the Masonic Service Association was received and entered on the record. The portion pertaining to finance was referred to the Committee on Finance. The recommendation to continue our membership in the association was approved by the delegates.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Masonic Service Association of North America was formed in 1919 with the

initial purpose of providing assistance to American servicemen returning from duty during World War I. However, its charter permits it to perform other services, at a national level, which would be cumbersome or inefficient for each Grand Lodge to manage individually. As of today, the MSA performs three major functions:

1. Education and Information
2. Disaster Relief
3. Hospital Visitation

Education and Information

Most lodges probably best know the MSA as the publisher of the *Short Talk Bulletin* — the most widely distributed Masonic publication in the world which has been published since 1923. Several years ago the MSA began republishing a complete collection of their Short Talk Bulletins in hardback volumes suitable for collection. They are currently taking orders for **Volume VI**, which covers the years 2003-2017 and can be purchased for just \$83 through their online store at <http://shopping.msana.com/index.php>. Volumes I through V are also available through the online store. Note that Volume I is currently in limited print and may not be available for long.

In addition to the Short Talk Bulletin and a variety of other Masonic pamphlets, the MSA recently announced a partnership Copiri, the creator of the Amity mobile app. Amity is a free app available for Apple and Android mobile devices, which allows sojourning brethren to register and find lodges that are recognized by their own grand lodge when they are traveling out of their jurisdiction. There are currently over 33,000 lodges and 250 Grand Lodges spanning 47 states (plus DC and Puerto Rico) and 27 countries listed in the app. As part of this partnership, the MSA will offer recent Short Talk Bulletins for free right from the app! To download Amity on an Apple device go to <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/amity/id1145664582?mt=8> or on an Android device go to <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.copiri.amity>.

Disaster Relief

Beginning in 1923 the MSA issued its first disaster relief appeal designed to assist a Grand Jurisdiction after a natural catastrophe occurred. An appeal for assistance from a Grand Jurisdiction to the MSA triggers their disaster relief protocol, which coordinates the communication of the appeal to other Grand Jurisdictions. They then collect funds from individuals, lodges, appendant Masonic bodies, and Grand Lodges. These monies are accumulated and forwarded to the Grand Lodge on whose behalf the appeal was made. No charges are made for administrative costs; 100% of the monies collected are sent to the Grand Lodge making the appeal.

This is one of the MSA's key services to the Grand Jurisdictions, and through their efforts they have distributed over \$10.5 million of assistance over the past 93 years.

Of special note, at last year's annual communication, Grand Master Gene Cobb made a special call to the delegates to give generously to our brethren in the Grand Lodges of Texas and Florida (and later Puerto Rico) whose jurisdictions were hit by hurricanes prior to (and immediately following) our meeting in September. As a result, we presented a check for \$20,000 to MW Bro. Simon LaPlace, Executive Secretary of the MSA, before we closed our annual session on Saturday.

Finally, it should be noted that, over the past 20 years, the Grand Lodge of North Carolina has received approximately \$340,000 in assistance from the MSA disaster relief efforts — the most recent appeal being \$50,000 in assistance for lodges and brethren effected by the flooding and power outages caused by Hurricane Matthew in 2016.

Hospital Visitation

The Masonic Hospital Visitation Program has been the cornerstone service of the MSA from its very beginning, and it continues going strong. With approximately 180 Hospital Representatives and State Coordinators, as well as hundreds of other

volunteers at nearly every VA Medical Center and many state veterans' hospitals, this is, without a doubt the finest public relations program ever undertaken by the Masonic Fraternity. The MSA's network of volunteers contributes hundreds of hours of volunteer assistance every day to our veterans across the nation. This type of assistance extends beyond mere "visitations," but also includes rendering personal services to our veterans, Masons and non-Masons alike.

The Masonic Hospital Visitation Program is a vital program that deserves our attention and one that Sonoma Lodge No. 472 takes very seriously. Seeing a need for more outreach to our brethren in the VA hospital in Asheville, the brethren of Sonoma held an emergent communication at the hospital on Tuesday, July 10, 2018. Several Grand Line officers, including MW Bro. Speed Hallman, attended the lodge meeting, where several veterans in the hospital were able to enjoy fraternal fellowship with their brethren.

If you are unable to volunteer or work as an MSA Representative, then please consider contributing to the MSA's Green Envelope Appeal (<http://www.msana.com/hvpgreenenv.asp>) commencing in October.

In short, the role of MSA volunteers is humanitarian in nature. Many veterans have no family or friends and are all alone. The Masonic Hospital Visitation program provides a personal touch to help spark a smile or a ray of hope in a segment of the population that is, all too often, forgotten.

Respectfully Submitted,

P. Shaun Bradshaw, SGW, MSANA Representative

Report of the North Carolina Masonic Foundation, Inc.

The following report of the North Carolina Masonic Foundation, Inc., was received, entered on the record, and referred to the Board of General Purposes.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

It is a pleasure to report to you that 2017 was a successful, rewarding year for the charities served by the North Carolina Masonic Foundation. We grew NCMF assets to more than \$20 million, distributed over \$400,000 to WhiteStone and MHCO in 2017, and in 2018, we will be distributing approximately \$560,000 — about \$280,000 to each home, which is approximately a 40 percent increase.

We also helped craft capital campaigns to enlarge WhiteStone's campus and restore MHCO's pool. The NCMF kicked off the pool campaign with a \$100,000 lead gift. We established strong new financial partnerships with our lodges and our charities and reached out to brethren across the state.

The foundation at year end had \$72 million in assets under our care. Our major funds ended 2017 with strong relative performance, with increases in the Equity Fund of 19.3 percent and 4.7 percent in the Income Fund. We can and should celebrate this good news, but we can't drop the ball: 2018 is proving to be a more volatile and difficult environment.

The rising interest rate environment in 2018 has proven difficult so far, but once again the fund has performed well on a relative basis. As of June 30th, our Equity Fund had risen 2.8 percent, while the Income Fund was down by two percent.

NCMF also welcomed Past Grand Master Dan Rice to the board, replacing PGM William G. Mathis, who had served on the board since 2003. The board unanimously elected PGM Mathis and WB David Wilson, who served on the NCMF board for some 35 years until his retirement in 2016, as emeritus members.

The support of our lodges and the brothers statewide set new levels of generosity.

Lodge giving increased by 20 percent this year over last, resulting in a 200 percent increase in revenue over the same period.

Other key events in a very busy year:

- We forged a new partnership with advisory firm Alex.Brown of Winston-Salem, a division of Raymond James. This group specializes in foundations and endowments and completes a search that began last summer to seek the best financial adviser out there. The move allowed us to realize an annual savings to the Foundation and our Masonic subscribers of approximately \$140,000.
- In January, we completed the sale of the Octagon House on the Jones Masonic Campus to a member of the Jones family. In addition to cash considerations, restrictive covenants attached to the remaining 63 acres were removed, allowing the remaining property to be sold for any purpose.
- On the communications side, we created two major fundraising pieces: a full-color poster of the “G” in lodges across North Carolina, and a photo book – Sacred Retreats: A Tour of North Carolina Masonry. Sales of the poster have been brisk, and we expect the same for the book, to make its debut at Annual Communication. Proceeds from sales of both pieces go to the Historic Masonic Properties Fund.
- Another new opportunity for brothers and their loved ones who want to create a legacy of generosity will be announced at Annual Communication: the Bridge Builder’s Society will honor individuals who make significant contributions to the NCMF.
- Our new web site went live online on Aug. 1, bringing new opportunities for the Craft to learn about the Foundation, see what we do and who we are, and support the NCMF through a special donor button that makes it easier than ever to give.
- We are making strong use of our new charity-wide donor database system to help with reporting, acknowledgements, and donor stewardship, and work is about complete on new marketing materials that will assist us in the development of a true Planned Giving Program.
- We saw increased participation by lodges in Subscriptions and the HMP Fund in 2018. We also are continuing our work with lodges to establish perpetual funds in support of our charities.
- We assisted WhiteStone in establishing a Guardian Angel fund, giving grateful patients of WhiteStone’s Care and Wellness Center – and their families and friends – the opportunity to give in thanks for exceptional medical care.
- The NCMF staff logged a lot of miles on the road this year, making 134 in-person donor visits, 66 visits to lodges and appendant bodies, and attending 26 special Masonic events.
- We extend special thanks to Most Worshipful Grand Master Hallman for his commitment to the Foundation’s efforts, fundraising, and development work, as we continue our important work in 2019.

As always, it is a pleasure to serve with you in our work to keep Freemasonry strong, to grow our charities and to make good men better.

Fraternally submitted,
The Board of Directors
North Carolina Masonic Foundation

THE NORTH CAROLINA MASONIC FOUNDATION, INC AND SUBSIDIARIES

Consolidated Statements of Financial Position

December 31, 2018

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

100-00 • Checking - First Citizens Bank (Checking Account - Payroll) 142,804.13

100-08 • Checking - First Citizens- (Spring Garden) 83,744.23

Total Checking/Savings 226,548.36

Accounts Receivable

111-01 • Accounts Receivable

111-03 • Jones Masonic 4,763,194.39

111-01 • Accounts Receivable - Other 69,127.55

Total 111-01 • Accounts Receivable 4,832,321.94

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Other Current Assets

110-03 • Accrued Int.Jone Masonic Campus 7,669.10

125-00 • Masonic Foundation-Equity Fund 16,788,531.32

150-01 • Prepaid Expense 10,720.19

1599 • Undeposited Funds -4,176.96

Total Other Current Assets 16,802,743.65

Total Other Current Assets 21,861,613.95

Fixed Assets

130-00 • Spring Garden-Coapman Land

130-01 • Church-3304 Spring Garden 225,074.79

130-02 • Mechanical Air-3310-3312 Spring 546,168.70

130-03 • Shine Tire-3418 Spring Garden 504,907.01

130-04 • 3303-3305 Brevard Street 25,200.00

130-09 • 602 Gay Terrace 136,710.23

Total 130-00 — Spring Garden-Coapman Land 1,438,060.73

140-00 • Spring Garden-Coapman Bldg

140-02 • Mechanical Air-3310-3312 Spring 143,510.80

140-03 • Shine Tire-3418 Spring Garden 110,833.00

140-05 • 602 Gay Terrace Bldg 58,951.77

Total 140-00 • Spring Garden-Coapman Bldg 313,295.57

140-04 • Accumulated Depreciation (Accumulated Depreciation) -108,626.58

Total Fixed Assets 1,642,729.72

TOTAL ASSETS 23,504,343.67

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable

200-00 • Accounts Payable 127,583.62

Total Accounts Payable 127,583.62

Other Current Liabilities

200-01 • Due to Beneficiary-MESH 70,245.00

200-02 • Due to Beneficiary - Oxford 70,245.00

2100 • Payroll Liabilities

BlueCross-Medical & Dental (Payee Account - Employee Dedu) 108.81

Total 2100 • Payroll Liabilities 108.81

220-00 • Deferred Revenue (Rent deposit) 1,800.00

Total Other Current Liabilities 142,398.81

Total Current Liabilities 269,982.43

Long Term Liabilities

230-00 • Wells Fargo Bank (Loan for Jones) 3,140,000.00

Total Long Term Liabilities 3,140,000.00

Total Liabilities 3,409,982.43

Equity

300-00 • Unrestricted Fund (Net Assets-General) 12,795,002.01

420-00 • Fund Balance 9,932,463.98

Net Income --3,476,943.56

Total Equity 19,250,522.43

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY **22,660,504.86**

The Board of Publication of The North Carolina Mason

The following report from the Board of Publication of *The North Carolina Mason* was received and entered on the record.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Board of Publications has had a productive yet seemingly uneventful year thus far. The most noteworthy events to the Craft to date have been a change in chairmanship from WB Elliott Warnock to Brother Kenneth Lambert, the addition of Brother Dwight Decoskey to the Board, and our newly published social media policy.

That being said, the Board and its new members have been meeting on a regular basis and have several things in the works that will allow us to more effectively get information out to the entirety of the Craft in our great state, as well as bring more exposure to our appendant bodies — including DeMolay and Rainbow Girls. We've set up direct lines of contact with each body and have board members responsible for communicating with each other in order to streamline the process and make sure that each body really feels that they have a voice and that that voice is being heard.

We're currently constructing a social media plan that can be put out on a lodge level and help individual lodges raise awareness about the great things they're doing in their communities. Most importantly, we've found that an active social media program is instrumental when a visiting brother from out of state is looking for a lodge to visit or when a recently transplanted brother is searching for a new lodge to join. Additionally, we're taking steps forward to institute an e-newsletter that would be sent out in addition to — and more frequently than — the NC Mason. This will allow us to keep the

Craft up to date with more time-sensitive material and more effectively communicate with the Craft as a whole.

We're very excited to be working with both the Committee on Masonic Education and the Committee on Masonic Public Relations more closely than we ever have in the past. There have been great opportunities this year for the three boards to work together, to the benefit of the Craft. This is something that has been needed for a while and is sure to benefit NC Masonry in a way like never before. We look forward to a great future and the unlimited possibilities realized by this newfound unity.

Overall there is a renewed sense of unity and excitement amongst the current board members. We're all very proud and excited to be a part of Masonry in NC and look forward to impacting each and every Mason in NC with improved publications over the coming months.

Respectfully submitted,
Kenneth Lambert, Chairman

Report on the Committee on Masonic Education

The following report from the Board of Committee on Masonic Education was received and entered on the record.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

In 2018 the GLCME's aim is to continue providing quality education and useful information to the Craft. We have worked on fine tuning some of the existing programs as well as developing new projects.

The Speakers Bureau continues to be one of the biggest successes at getting Masonic Education to the members. Requests now come in year-round, with many Senior and some Junior Wardens planning ahead for their year in the East. We have added seven new Speakers since last Annual Communication, and several of our veteran members have put together new presentations to keep things fresh. One of the new programs that we have been working on is designed for lodges that are struggling but don't know how to fix it. A lodge that recognizes it needs help would reach out to us, and, working off of the Lodge Self-Assessment Tool found in the Education Resources section of the Grand Lodge Website, PGM Webster will visit the lodge and assist them in identifying areas of concern and developing a plan to get them back on track. This would involve follow ups with PGM Webster as well. For now it is offered under the Speakers Bureau as one of PGM Webster's Programs.

The Middle Chamber has been well attended, with several inquiries into next year's class. Students from last year's class got so much from it many have returned to assist as mentors. This program is really just kicking off and already gaining attention in other states.

The Davie Academy went through several changes in both class structure and administration this year. We are currently running a three track program consisting of "The Appointed Lodge Officers," "The Elected Lodge Officers," and "The District Officer Classes." These are full day classes and are held once in each region. In an attempt to reach more members, we have added four Workshops that each run once a year in six locations on the same day. Workshops include "Lodge Budget and Finance," aimed at Secretaries and Treasurers; "Everything You Need to Know," aimed at new Master Masons; and "The Art of Chairing a Lodge Meeting" and "Committee Centric Lodge," both aimed at incoming Masters. Workshops run approximately three hours.

We are currently working on a few ideas, one of which is to have a Workshop on the Lodge System of Masonic Education teaching lodges how to get the best use of this valuable but underutilized program. Another would involve DDGMs and encouraging putting together a Masonic Education Day with one of the GLCME members present,

either in a district or having a couple districts working together. It could involve each lodge giving a short presentation that has really impacted their members. The representative from the GLCME would go over all the resources available from the Grand Lodge, give a short talk on effective presentation skills, etc. We are also working on an update to the Program for Progress and a comprehensive, searchable booklist.

The GLCME along with the Publications Committee, the Public Relations Committee, and the Miscellaneous Ceremonies Committee have been working together to update the More Light in Masonry Brochure and to create an interactive PDF Brochure as a companion. These two things should complement each other well: giving the member a booklet welcoming them to the Craft and explaining some basics of the Fraternity with diagrams and organizational charts along with a letter from the Grand Master, leaving the PDF Brochure to give them an interactive way to learn about things outside of the lodge they joined like the appendant bodies, major Masonic events during the year, and opportunities for education and personal growth.

The GLCME would like to thank the Grand Lodge for their support and for allowing us to explore these avenues to bring quality experiences to the membership.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tony Rathbone, Chairman

Report of the Committee on Masonic Public Relations

The following report of the Committee on Masonic Public Relations was received and entered on the record.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee on Masonic Public Relations convened during the 2017 Annual Communications September 21, 2017, and several other times during the 2018 calendar year.

Most Worshipful Grand Master Speed Hallman had a vision that the following committees and boards would work together with their mutual goals and duties.

- The Board of Publications
- The Committee on Miscellaneous Masonic Ceremonies
- The Committee on Masonic Public Relations
- The Committee on Masonic Education

The committee chairmen met several times and decided to work on a joint program that was requested by the Grand Master. This program worked to develop an interactive welcome packet that will be sent to new Master Masons, along with updating the “More Light in Masonry” brochure. The interactive welcome packet will be an Adobe File (PDF) emailed to new Master Masons that will give them hyperlinks to Masonic websites that might interest them and get them more involved. Both are set to have delivery dates of 2018 to the Grand Master.

The Public Relations committee is also exploring several opportunities identified by our committee members. Several discussions are being held in the committee concerning:

- A more effective communication system to inform brethren across the state
- More effective ways to engage the local media outlets about fundraisers and other blue lodge events
- Showcasing our Grand Lodge, its officers, and other charitable functions
- Working with our Prince Hall brethren to hold a joint fundraiser These are just some of the ideas and programs being worked on by your Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Public Relations.

Respectfully Submitted,
Currie Pendleton, Chairman

Report of the Committee on Youth Organizations

The following report of the Committee on Youth Organizations was received and entered on the record.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Masonic Youth Committee is once again proud to announce a growth in both of our groups. DeMolay and Rainbow continue to increase ever so slightly throughout the state. There have been three requests this year for guidance on opening a new DeMolay body. This is great news and hopefully will come to fruition. The Rainbow Girls continue to increase in numbers and will host the National Rainbow Assembly here in NC in the near future. All support and assistance is greatly needed and appreciated. Several youth bodies throughout the state have been very active, and in the Wilmington area the Masons have visited all lodges in their district to spread the word as well as having participated in many fundraisers for the bodies. A special thanks to Lenoir York Rite bodies, Gastonia York Rite bodies, and Asheville Scottish Rite bodies for nominal donations that have helped with necessities. As always funding and leaders are desperately needed, and for continued growth we will need to continue to support in both ways. Hopefully soon we will embrace our future and do so.

Respectfully Submitted,
Russell E. Bridges, Chairman

North Carolina Eagle Scout Task Force

The following report of the North Carolina Eagle Scout Task Force was received and entered on the record.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

On Monday, October 2, 2017, the Task Force on Scouting held its first certificate presentation ceremony. The Masonic Home for Children at Oxford (Orphans Lodge room) hosted the event. Will Chriscoe, DDGM for the 13th District, presented the awards. Two Eagle Scouts were recognized with many family, friends, and Masons in attendance.

Over the course of 2018, modifications were made to the program based on some lessons learned from the initial presentation program. The committee decided to wait until late spring to attempt coordinating further ceremonies so that they would match up better with the end of the school year. However, in the process, additional delays were encountered, and we did not organize as many of these events as we hoped.

On August 6, 2018, a second presentation ceremony was organized in Chapel Hill, held at University Lodge No. 408. Most of the coordination effort was led by Keith Morgan. A dinner was held prior to the event, and the ceremony was conducted by the Master and officers of University Lodge. It was well attended by family and friends for the three Eagle Scouts who were presented their recognition certificates.

We are expecting to make the presentation ceremony available to lodges statewide

soon.

Finally, after serving as chairman of this committee for just over a year, I will be stepping down from the position at the end of this year. I would like to thank the committee members for the work and participation they have put towards this task force. I wish them much success as they work to expand this program across the state.

Respectfully submitted,
Ludwik Wodka, Chairman
Homer Dearmin
Will Highsmith
Matt Collins
Stancil Wilson
Will Chriscoe
Keith Morgan
Jonathan Johnson
Charles Lewis PGM (advisor)

Report of the Board of Custodians

The following report of the Board of Custodians was received and entered on the record.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The members who served on the Board of Custodians during the year 2018 were: Speed Hallman, Grand Master, Chairman Ex-Officio; Don Helton, Grand Lecturer, Steve M. Norris, Chairman; Tom Dolinger, Secretary; Luigi Ammons, Russ Jones, Dickie Lyon; and Mike Register, who is also the Liaison to the Board of General Purposes.

The Board of Custodians met regularly during the year, with meetings held on January 12th, April 13th, July 13th, and September 27th, 2018. The fall meeting is scheduled to coincide with the Grand Lodge Annual Communication in Winston-Salem.

Certified brethren qualifying for the Laudamus Certificate in 2018 are: Thane Rothie Black, Derita Lodge No. 715; Warren Earl Dover, Waxhaw Lodge No. 562; Herman Eugene Hall, Jr., West Gate Lodge No. 738; Kevin Donald Hardison, Relief Lodge No. 431; Phil Dennis McCraw, Granite Lodge No. 322; and James Ray Mills, Truth Lodge No. 749.

District Deputy Grand Lecturers qualifying for the Past District Deputy Grand Lecturer Certificate in 2018 are: Dennis Ray Kyle, District 4; James Warren Cook, Jr., District 8; James Daughtry Davis, District 9; John Arthur Shawver, District 12; Jeffrey Arthur Sank, District 14; Tommy Reavis Mills, Jr., District 15; Herbert Currie Lyon, District 19; William P. Horne, Jr., District 21; Matthew William Cockman, District 22; James Ray Mills, District 29; Philip Ryan Kuhn, District 31; and, Lloyd Hise, Jr., District 37.

Two brothers received certificates for fifty years or more of service as Certified Lecturers. They are as follows:

Kolen Flack (Western Star Lodge No. 91) — 60 Years

William Irvin Reagan (Caswell Brotherhood Lodge No. 11) — 50 Years

The 2018 Certified Lecturer examinations were held according to the following schedule: August 11th — Greenville and Greensboro; August 18th — Charlotte and Wilmington; and August 25th — Asheville and Fayetteville. The examinations continued to be offered on Saturdays in an effort to be more accommodating to our certified brethren who have work conflicts. If a conflict would keep a brother from attending one of the above locations, he can petition the Board for a Special Exam. The Board expresses its sincere appreciation to the brethren at the six locations who donated the use of their facilities for the examinations.

The booklet, "Important Information Concerning the Certified Lecturers" is posted on the Grand Lodge website and is available to anyone with access to the internet. A web page sponsored by the Board of Custodians is also being maintained on a regular basis. This page includes information of interest concerning the history of the Board, latest corrections to the OSW and Bahnson Manual, rules governing the Lecture Service and OSW/Vocabulary, various application forms, and a current roster of those Certified.

At the end of the 2017 examinations the number of certified brethren was 367. This consisted of 330 Class "A" Certified Lecturers and 37 Class "B" Certified Instructors. Unfortunately, the total number has declined by 10 as of August 1st, 2018, with the passing of the following Certified Lecturers:

Joe Max Andrews	Cabarrus Lodge No. 720	47 Years
Danial Myrl Hogue, Jr.	Andrew Jackson Lodge No. 576	26 Years
Roland McCall Smith	West Gate Lodge No. 738	28 Years
John Ralph Harrison	Fairview Lodge No. 339	54 Years
Mason Hardin Dorsey	Excelsior Lodge No. 261	34 Years
Billy Joe Joyce	Walnut Cove Lodge No. 629	18 Years
Marvin Edwin Wyatt, Jr.	Stanley Lodge No. 713	5 Years
Herman Jones, Jr.	Cliffside Lodge No. 460	42 Years
Michael Wiley Brantley	Raleigh Lodge No. 500	27 Years
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Fifty-five brethren are required to stand examination in 2018. The final 2018 results will be available after the last exams are held on August 25, 2018, and will be printed in the 2018 Proceedings of the Grand Lodge publication.

In 2018 the Five-Hour Mandatory Lecture Service was continued for the one hundred seventy-nine even-numbered lodges throughout the state. All one hundred seventy-seven odd-numbered lodges completed the Lecture Service in 2017. As a reminder, the Lecture Service rules were updated in 2011 to formally indicate the continuation of this mandatory five-hour service until otherwise notified. Odd numbered lodges will have their next five-hour requirement in 2019. Also, as a reminder, all lodges must participate in one five-hour District School of Instruction each year, as long as the mandatory Lecture Service is required or until determined otherwise by the Board.

The Board rolled out the Coach's Proficiency Program this year, and it has been well-received by the brethren. We have scheduled three Coach's Clinics this year in the following locations: 3/24 in Greensboro, 5/19 in Greenville, and 10/20 in Asheville. The turnout has been very good, and the number of coaches applying for the proficiency certificate has been steady. Any brother who can recite both the questions and answers qualifies for the program.

To continue a practice re-established in 2011, the Board again unanimously recommended that the Lodge System of Masonic Education Program be recommended for use by all lodges. Dedicated support for this program will help to instruct candidates as they begin their journey through the Masonic degrees.

Wilkerson College Lodge No. 760 held its annual Masonic Symposium on June 30th at the Masonic Temple in downtown Greensboro. In conjunction with the Symposium, the third annual Grand Master's Masonic Ritual Competition was held. The closed division was won by Lebanon Lodge No. 391. The open competition was extremely close, won by the "Down East Rascals" by ½ point over the ODP "Out to Pastures". We encourage teams to join in the fellowship of the competition. If interested please contact Don Barrier, SW Wilkerson College Lodge, for more information.

The Board of Custodians expresses its appreciation to Grand Master Speed Hallman for his enthusiastic support of the Board and the Certified Lecturer Program. The Board also wishes to thank Grand Secretary T. Walton Clapp, III; Assistant to the

Grand Secretary, Jonathan Underwood; as well as Cornelia, Vicki, and Hayley for their valuable assistance throughout the year.

The Board also expresses its appreciation to Grand Lecturer Don Helton for his very productive work as the Grand Lecturer for 2018. To all our certified brethren throughout the state, we extend a sincere “thank you” for your continued faithful service to our beloved Fraternity, your support of your DDGLs, and, lastly, your vigorous support of the Certified Lecturers Program.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve M. Norris, Chairman, Junior Grand Steward
Thomas P. Dolinger II, Secretary

Report of the Committee on Subordinate Lodge Special Activities

The following report from the Committee on Subordinate Lodge Special Activities was received and entered on the record.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee on Subordinate Lodge Special Activities presents this report in supporting lodge fundraising efforts. The following report reflects fundraising numbers from January 1 through December 31, 2018:

2018 Summary

Lodge Participating in Fundraisers 2018	200
Application received	340
Final Reports received.....	313
 Total Funds Raised.....	 \$1,408,018
Cost of Funds Raised.....	\$523,715
Net Proceeds	\$884,303

By Fund-Raising Category	#		Avg Net Proceeds
Raffles	87	\$270,332	\$4,498
Golf Tournaments	23	\$161,956	\$7,041
Breakfasts	30	\$53,935	\$1,798
BBQ	46	\$134,608	\$2,926
Dinner/Chicken/Fish/Etc	45	\$121,577	\$2,702
Other Misc functions, Etc	84	<u>\$141,303</u>	\$1,689
Net Proceeds		\$884,301	

By Fund-Development Category			Avg Net Proceeds
Masonic Home For Children	199	\$349,501	\$1,756
MESH Foundation LLC	152	\$174,993	\$1,151
NC Masonic Foundation	96	\$86,663	\$903
Other Charities	75	\$125,961	\$1,679
Lodge Building Funds	67	<u>\$147,185</u>	\$1,795
Net Proceeds		\$884,303	

Respectfully Submitted
James L. Medlin, Chairman

Report of the Library Committee

The following report of the Library Committee was received and entered on the record.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Your Library Committee has worked hard this year to fulfill its mission to preserve, protect, and promote the records, manuscripts, artifacts, and books of the Grand Lodge. Material from several lodges, including Royal White Hart 2, Phoenix 8, Widow's Son 75, Zion 81, Joseph Warren 92, Numa F. Reid 344, and Holly Springs 115, have been submitted to the North Carolina Digital Heritage Center for digitization. We have also submitted records from Chorazin Chapter of Royal Arch Masons and Ivanhoe Commandery of Knights Templar.

Members of the committee began volunteering and entering data sets into the Grand Lodge's new library, archive, and artifact database (called PastPerfect), as well as aiding in cleaning up and refiling various Grand Lodge record sets (Lodge Service Commission reports and past years' Annual Returns). This will also help facilitate the compilation of a Masonic bibliography for North Carolina. We were happy to welcome Brother Jake Rose to our ranks as a summer intern. Brother Rose aided in cleaning up many old sets of lodge resource files and lodge service files, and organized our historic lodge minute ledger books. Brother Rose is a senior at East Carolina University and a member of Crown Point Lodge 708.

The committee met several times to discuss planning and implementing several projects, including the restoration of several portraits of Past Grand Masters William Polk (1799-1801); Hutchins Gordon Burton (1825-1826); David Williamson Stone (1837-1839); Daniel Sanford Crenshaw (1841), and George Washington Blount (1874-1875). These paintings are significant not only because they are portraits of past Grand Masters, but because they were painted by North Carolina portrait artist Jacques Busbee and are rare examples of his work from the turn of the 20th Century.

The committee is happy to announce the publication of Dr. Ric Berman's book, *From Roanoke to Raleigh: Freemasonry in North Carolina, 1730-1800*. A prolific author and historian, Dr. Berman was able to illustrate through his latest work the economic and social connections that were the foundation of Freemasonry's connectivity between North Carolina and Great Britain in the 18th Century. The committee is also happy to report that so many of our brethren in North Carolina, as well as our Grand Lodge, were able to aid in the acquisition of information for Dr. Berman during the writing of his book.

As Dr. Berman's book is now available, the committee hopes that by the end of this year a second printing of Thomas Parramore's, *Launching the Craft: The First Half-Century of Freemasonry in North Carolina*, will be available to the membership and public. Members of the committee, Grand Lodge staff, and staff in the Print Shop at Oxford have worked diligently to review, re-edit, and proofread Parramore's 1975 classic. The committee also anticipates the second printing of the volume I of *NOCALORE: Being the Transaction of the North Carolina Lodge of Research*. This work, largely edited and compiled by the late J. Raymond Shute, has been out of print since 1932, but long sought after. The committee hopes it may be available by the beginning of the Annual Communication in September, and more volumes to follow soon afterward.

The committee invites and welcomes visitors to the Grand Lodge's Library and looks forward to aiding those interested in North Carolina's Masonic heritage.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jonathan A. Underwood, Chairman

Report of the Grand Lodge Committee on Personnel

The following report of the Grand Lodge Committee on Personnel was received and entered on the record.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

On September 23, 2017, the delegates at the Annual Communication passed amendment group 6, which established the Committee on Personnel as a standing committee of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina (Reg. 34-23.25 Committee on Personnel). Prior to this, the committee had been appointed on an ad hoc basis since 2013 to provide guidance for personnel matters arising from the employment of staff by the Grand Lodge of North Carolina.

Since its inception the committee has reviewed and updated the Personnel Policy of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina to ensure compliance with state and federal laws and regulations, implemented and conducted annual employee performance reviews, and made annual salary and benefit recommendations to the Grand Lodge Committee on Finance.

In 2018 the committee followed the procedures established by previous chairs whereby:

- The Grand Secretary completes his annual reviews of office staff no later than April 30. He forwards staff reviews and his own self-evaluation to the committee chair prior to June 1.
- The committee chair and vice chair meet with the Grand Secretary to conduct his review and discuss his staff reviews and compensation recommendations no later than June 8.
- The committee meets to discuss all reviews and compensation recommendations no later than June 8.
- The chairman meets with the Grand Secretary to share the committee's evaluation of him and discuss his goals and objectives for the coming year.
- The committee forwards its compensation recommendations to the Committee on Finance no later than June 30.

This year the committee met with the Grand Secretary on May 9, 2018, at the Grand Lodge offices. Prior to this meeting the Senior Grand Warden (chair) and Junior Grand Warden (vice chair) met with the Grand Lodge staff in an open forum to discuss any matters they wished to present to the committee. Following these discussions, the Grand Secretary was asked to provide input and review his evaluations of the performance (including salary recommendations) of each member of the Grand Lodge staff. As part of the salary discussion it was noted that the failure to pass the per capita increase in 2017 might impact the Finance Committee's ability to provide all requested increases.

The SGW noted that he and the JGW met briefly with each member of the staff prior to the committee meeting, and each praised the Grand Secretary's leadership and commented on the positive work environment and family atmosphere within the office.

Overall, the Grand Secretary is extremely pleased with the performance of each staff member and recommended that all office staff be given at least a Cost of Living adjustment based on the prior year's inflation index.

The committee made two key recommendations for the Grand Secretary:

1. Work with Bro. Bryan Jones to perform a salary market analysis to ensure each of the staff members are currently being paid within an acceptable salary range for the type of work performed and given the location of the work.
2. Work with the JGW (and others as needed) to review the current evaluation process to ensure it is as efficient as possible and provides suitable information to the Personnel Committee to act upon.

On August 3, 2018, the SGW met with the Finance Committee and made the salary recommendations as part of the 2019 budget. With the exception of the Grand Secretary, who chose to forgo any salary increase, all other increases were adopted as recommended by the Personnel Committee. During this same meeting, the results of the salary market analysis were presented. The analysis indicated that all but one of the Grand Lodge staff, including the Grand Secretary, are paid below the median salary level for similar types of jobs in the Raleigh area. It is our hope that the delegates of this Annual Communication consider these facts when voting for the 2019 budget and any potential per capita increases.

Respectfully submitted,
P. Shaun Bradshaw, Senior Grand Warden and Chair
R. David Wicker, Jr., Junior Grand Warden and Vice Chair
Gene Jernigan, Past Grand Master
Dalton Mayo, Past Grand Master
Bryan Jones, Past Master
Larry Thompson, Jr., Senior Grand Deacon and Observer

Report of the Scholarship Committee

The following report of the Scholarship Committee was received and entered on the record.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Grand Lodge Scholarship Committee went to work remotely to review this year's scholarship applications. The committee divided up the applications and carefully reviewed each one. Once again the response to the scholarship offering this year was extremely popular among high school seniors, with over 300 applications received for 15 scholarships valued at \$1,000 each. Each committee member responsible for a region selected two winners along with a third possible alternate for consideration. The scholarship winners all demonstrated strong academic performance balanced with extensive community/volunteer service and extracurricular activities. We are most excited to have been able to award 15 scholarships this year and hope, through the generosity of the brethren, that we will be able to award even more next year.

Respectfully submitted,
J. Dean Richardson, Chairman

Report of the Ad Hoc Grand Lodge Transition Planning Committee

The following report of the Ad Hoc Grand Lodge Transition Planning Committee was received and entered on the record.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

This ad hoc committee was formed by Most Worshipful Speed Hallman to ensure that our Grand Lodge responds to the eventual retirement of our Grand Secretary quickly and with the benefit of thoughtful preparation. The Grand Master charged this committee with evaluating the current Grand Lodge management model, examining other models including those employed by the grand lodges of sister jurisdictions, and reporting to the Grand Master and Board of General Purposes with its recommendations for a transition process to be enacted upon the Grand Secretary's notification of his retirement.

The committee set about its work immediately after the installation of Grand Master Hallman, meeting on December 21, 2017, and again on February 13, 2018. Additionally, members of the committee have met with and interviewed the current Grand Lodge of

NC staff, and have prepared and circulated an information questionnaire to the Grand Lodges of Massachusetts, California, Michigan, Virginia, and Ohio.

Responses from those sister jurisdictions, who have similar characteristics to our Grand Lodge, and who demonstrate elements of best practices in management, have been received, catalogued, and summarized for review. Additionally, members of the committee have comprehensively reviewed our existing policy and personnel manuals and the relevant provisions of The Code.

The committee will be reconvening to prepare a menu of recommendations to guide the current and future Grand Masters, and to serve as a resource to the Board of General Purposes in planning for transition. The Committee expects to present its recommendations to the Grand Master by November 1, 2018.

Failing to plan is planning to fail. Proper Prior Planning Prevents Pitifully Poor Performance.

Fraternally submitted:
Bryant Webster, PGM, Chair
Lewis Ledford, PGM
A. Gene Cobb, Jr., PGM
P. Shaun Bradshaw, SGW
R. David Wicker, Jr., JGW
Kim Lyda

Report of the Ad Hoc Masonic Renewal Committee

The following report of the Ad Hoc Masonic Renewal Committee was received and entered on the record.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

In 2017, Grand Master A. Gene Cobb, Jr., established an ad hoc committee to research the issues concerning Masonic membership throughout the jurisdiction. MW Grand Master Speed Hallman chose to continue the work of this ad hoc committee, renaming it the Masonic Renewal Committee. At its first meeting on January 12th, the committee discussed some of the statistics and findings identified in 2017, drafted a mission statement for itself, and agreed to develop a presentation that could be shared with subordinate lodges at their request.

Mission Statement

To work with lodges

to reestablish the culture of the fraternity to one that values and exemplifies fraternalism, education, and the mystical aspect of our ritual for the self-improvement of the membership.

Less than two weeks after the initial meeting, the draft presentation was ready, and several lodges began taking advantage of the opportunity to have a member of the committee come and speak to them about the committee's mission and findings.

One of the biggest concerns of the Grand Master's – and one he spoke of frequently in his District Meetings – was the increase in how many newly raised Master Masons chose to drop their membership within two (2) years of joining. Not only was he concerned about the statistics themselves, but even more so, understanding why these men – these brethren – chose to simply stop paying their dues. As a result, the Grand Master worked with the Grand Secretary's office to identify the members who had been raised since 2014 and subsequently let their membership drop due to non-payment of dues. He then directed the Grand Line Officers to contact each of these brethren with a simple survey asking their thoughts about why they joined, what they believed they received from their membership, and what caused them to drop their membership.

A total of 248 brethren were identified and each GLO was assigned 20-25 of these men to contact. Of the 248 contacts, 32 letters were undeliverable due to bad addresses or the forwarding service was no longer in effect. Of the 216 NPD members that did receive the letters 21, or roughly 10%, responded.

For those that responded, the reasons for dropping fell into four main categories:

- Seven (7) men indicated that their work and/or family schedules and responsibilities had changed to the extent that they believed they could not remain active. These men still hold the fraternity in high regard and hope to restore their membership once things settle down for them.
- Five (5) men had moved out of the state and chose to allow their membership to drop or (in one case) actually affiliated with a local lodge in their new state of residence.
- Four (4) men allowed their membership to drop because their perceptions of the lodges didn't match the reality of what they saw. Piques and quarrels among the members of the lodge, racism, and other "unbrotherly" conduct were specifically mentioned.
- Three (3) men indicated that they had financial hardships and chose to let their membership drop rather than asking for any type of assistance from the lodge.

The response rate for this survey aligns with typical response rates found in similar types of surveys and, while small, it's fair to extrapolate a few key points from the responses that were received.

First, while a few men found something different from what they expected, most of the respondents continued to hold a favorable view of the fraternity and want to continue their membership if/when their circumstances (financial, schedule, location) change. For those that were "disappointed" by what they found, they understand that it might only be an issue in the lodge they joined and realize that another lodge might be better suited for them.

Second, regardless of the reason these men dropped their membership, it is recommended that lodges periodically reach out to their NPD'd brethren to check on them, see how they are doing, and determine what, if anything, in their circumstances might have changed. These men previously sought "Light in Masonry," and showing that we continue to care about them may create opportunities for restoration.

Third, as much as possible, lodges should attempt to keep track of their NPD'd members and maintain valid contact information for these men in MORI. We never know when one of them may be interested in returning to the fraternity, but feel guilty about having not paid their dues or simply don't understand the process of returning. By maintaining contact with them, we remove these barriers to restoration and create opportunities for these men to restore their membership.

Finally, it should be noted that the Grand Line Officers also reached out to the lodge secretaries and/or members who were NPD'd over the past three years despite having been members for 50 or more years. Of the 55 brethren who fell into this category we found:

- Four (4) of the members had dropped their membership voluntarily
- Eight (8) of the members had passed away while they were still in good standing
- Fifteen (15) of the members were dropped because they did not respond to dues notices or fundraising requests. What was most troubling about this is there seemed to be no attempt at personal contact with these brethren and, in some cases, downright negligence. For example, one 52-year member was dropped because he would not respond to letters that were sent to him. This brother lived less than 10 miles from the lodge, and no one from the lodge

bothered to personally check on him or his circumstances.

Generally speaking, the Grand Line Officers found it troubling how few lodge secretaries and/or WMs bothered to respond to requests for information about these brethren. One is left to wonder what type of brotherly love and affection exists when the officers of a lodge can so easily dismiss and neglect their duties toward long-time members.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Norris, Chairman
P. Shaun Bradshaw, SGW
Russell Bridges
William B. Brunk, PGM
D. Allen Surratt

Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Membership Services

The following report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Membership Services was received and entered on the record.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Grand Master appointed a special committee and charged it with recommending whether or not our Grand Lodge should implement a centralized dues notice process that improves services and provides conveniences to brothers and lodges. The recommendation is to be based on an analysis of the costs versus the benefits of implementing such a system and a determination of how such a system might benefit our brothers and lodges.

The committee is to consider the practical aspects of how such a centralized process might work, including considerations of the timing and content of dues notices; estimated costs for printing and postage; the role of online, email, and/or web-based renewals; the possibility of accepting online bank drafts and credit card payments; and, how the Grand Lodge and subordinate lodges might coordinate and communicate with one another to make the process more efficient and effective. Further, the committee is to consult with other grand jurisdictions to determine if best practices in other states can be adopted for our benefit.

The committee is further charged to offer ideas and examples of how lodges can reduce NPDs, and to recommend best practices associated with member services and retention.

The committee is composed of current and former secretaries (with Jonathan Underwood, Assistant to the Grand Secretary, *ex officio*) as follows:

Jack Barnett, Veritas Lodge 769 and 39th District Deputy Grand Master; Doug Calhoun, Sophia Lodge 767; Dave Cashion, Blue Ridge 435 and Glenville 551; Bill Faison (chairman), Lux Libertas Lodge 772; and Russell Jones, Lafayette Lodge 83; Don Kehler, former secretary of Bula Lodge 409; Keith Morgan, Mosaic Lodge 762; and Randy Ward, Shallotte Lodge 727.

The committee has met twice and focused on the use of MORI as a platform for such a system. Further the committee will participate, along with the Grand Lodge Officers, in the evaluation of Grand View, a lodge management system that competes with MORI, as it considers how to improve the dues collection experience for our brothers and lodges.

The Committee will also consider the wording of the NC Official Forms 23 (Official Notice of Delinquency) and 25 (Notice of Exclusion for Non-Payment of Dues), and how these notices to our members might be improved.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Faison, Chairman

Joseph Montfort Medals Presented

All attending previous recipients of the Joseph Montfort Award, North Carolina Freemasonry's highest award, were summoned to the west of the altar. There, they assembled to welcome and congratulate the three new recipients. Those recipients were Gary Handy, Past Master of Walnut Cove Lodge No. 629; A. Gene Cobb, Jr., Past Grand Master, Royal White Hart Lodge No. 2, whose award was presented at Halifax, NC, during Halifax day on April 12, 2018; and James L. Medlin Past Master of East Laporte Lodge No. 358.

Grand Master A. Gene Cobb, Jr., Final Report

Past Grand Master A. Gene Cobb, Jr., presented his final report supplementing his interim report presented at the previous Annual Communication. His complete and final report appears in the 2017 Proceedings of the Grand Lodge.

Presentation of Past Grand Master's Lapel Pin

Grand Master Speed Hallman read the following tribute and presented a Past Grand Master's lapel pin to Past Grand Master Arnold Gene Cobb, Jr.

Tribute to Most Worshipful Grand Master A. Gene Cobb Jr.

"Follow me and fear no danger."

A. Gene Cobb, Jr., has never forgotten the day he heard his grandfather speak those words. It was April 12, 1965, the most significant day of the year in his hometown of Halifax, North Carolina. The 7-year-old was spending Halifax Day, commemorating America's first petition for independence, with his paternal grandfather, John Moody Cobb, Sr.

Young Gene took his grandfather's hand in the dark passageway of Royal White Hart Lodge #2 and climbed the narrow stairs. It was his first visit to a Masonic lodge room and the start of a journey that would lead him, more than 50 years later, to the Grand East as the 164th Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina.

Cobb has spent his life developing the habits and skills that have served him well as a leader – in Masonry and in life. He earned his Eagle Scout badge, lettered in three sports, and graduated near the top of his high school class. He answered a call to the Methodist pulpit at the age of 18, and graduated from the University of North Carolina, where he served as men's basketball statistician under Coach Dean Smith. He also earned his master's degree in divinity and later, a doctorate. Then, duly and truly prepared and serving as a pastor in Mount Gilead, North Carolina, he took his first step in Masonry at Blackmer Lodge #127.

That night, unexpectedly hearing John Cobb's words, he immediately felt his grandfather's kind and reassuring presence in the lodge. He knew Masonry was for him.

Cobb dove into Masonry as he had into school, athletics, scouting, and the church: passionately, wholeheartedly, and with rapid achievement. Within six months, he was a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason. He went on earn the 33rd degree and serve as the Personal Representative in the Scottish Rite Valley of Greensboro. He presided over all three Greensboro York Rite bodies, joined the Sudan Shrine and the Order of the

Eastern Star, and was inducted into the York Rite College, the Allied Masonic Degrees, and the Society of Rosicrucians.

Before he was appointed to the Grand Lodge officer line in 2009, he served as Grand Chaplain, chairman of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, a member of the Committee on Masonic Education, and a member of the Board of Directors of the Masonic Home for Children at Oxford. One of his proudest accomplishments was helping to diversify the children's home board. As a Grand Lodge officer intent on improving Masonic relations with clergy and the community, he spearheaded the writing and publication of the Grand Lodge Funeral Manual. He also put the Grand Lodge on the path to better human resources management through his leadership of its Committee on Personnel.

Improving relationships, encouraging dialogue, seeking mutual understanding, and helping others reach the place where they can best work and best agree are his legacy as Grand Master.

Cobb has remained true to his pledge to make William Richardson Davie a household name among Masons. He launched the Davie Academy for Masonic leadership training. And he created the Lion and Pillar Lodge of Excellence program, a system that employs Davie's values to inspire lodges to higher levels of excellence in education, patriotism, philanthropy and membership. He found new ways to communicate with the Craft through social media, and improved The North Carolina Mason by partnering with the North Carolina Masonic Foundation to share a communications position. Cobb also raised the profile of the Masonic Foundation as a worthy recipient and distributor of Masonic charity. He led the creation of Lux Libertas Lodge #772, an academic lodge affiliated with his beloved University of North Carolina that already has set an example for other such lodges to follow in philanthropy, community engagement, and service to higher education.

Cobb is the second grand master from Halifax. William Richardson Davie was the first. Our Grand Lodge history refers to Davie as a lion who pushed constantly for higher achievement and excellence. He held accountable the Masons and lodges that fell short of his standards. Cobb will be remembered as Davie's philosophical as well as geographical descendent, a kind and loving pastor who whispered wise counsel to brethren and lodges when appropriate, and who roared like a lion when the circumstances required it.

Grand Master Gene Cobb sees the best in each of us, and has encouraged all of us to give our best to the Craft. He has led by example, fearlessly and tirelessly. And he has exhorted us by recalling the words of another hero from his youth, his father, who would say to young Gene as he left home every morning, "Let's go to work."

Grand Master Gene Cobb went to work on our behalf every day, with the aim of improving all of us in Masonry. We are grateful for all he is, all he does, and all he will continue to do for our cherished fraternity.

Respectfully submitted,
Board of General Purposes

Called from Labor to Refreshment

Grand Master Hallman called the Grand Lodge from Labor to Refreshment at noon. Following lunch, several subsequent presentations were made by members from the various Masonic Youth Organizations.

First Day Afternoon Session

At 1:15 PM, Most Worshipful Speed Hallman called the Annual Communication to order.

Presentations from Representatives of Masonic Youth Organizations

Rainbow Girls

Summer Lynn Clifford, Grand Worthy Advisor of the North Carolina Assembly of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, presented greetings on behalf of the State Assembly and delivered the following address:

Greetings Grand Master Hallman, Distinguished East, and members of the Grand Lodge in North Carolina. It is indeed a true honor to be here and stand before this group of incredible men. I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for the invitation to come speak to you today. I have the pleasure of bringing greetings from your North Carolina Rainbow Girls, and our Supreme Charity and Supreme Inspector in North Carolina, Mrs. Kay F. Letterman.

When I was seven years old, my father joined this wonderful organization of Masonry. His involvement in Knap of Reeds Lodge in Bahama, NC, led me to the exposure of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls. If it were not for my father becoming a Mason, I probably would have not had the opportunity to join Rainbow Girls. Masonry is the reason girls over the world have the opportunity to serve others the way we do. So, thank you for continuing to serve and lead not only those in our communities, but your Masonic Youth. We all look up to our masons. You set the bar high when it comes to living lives of service. You are the reason we are who we are today.

When I joined the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls at eleven and a half years old, never would I have imagined the growth that it would force me to have over the last eight years of my life. Our Masonic organizations teach us the useful life lessons of public speaking, developing the ability to carry conversations with others, and most importantly putting all our hearts into serving others. Is that not what all Masonic organizations are based on, service to others? Each and every one of us in this room, and every member of all Masonic organizations, DeMolay, Eastern Star, Rainbow, Masons, possess a very special attribute. That attribute is having the capability to put others before ourselves. That is the most selfless thing that God wanted us to do since our creation. Every time we act in a way of service we are reflecting our creator's image. That truly is a beautiful thing.

My name is Summer Clifford, and this year I am blessed to serve as North Carolina's 82nd Grand Worthy Advisor for the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls. When I say this is a dream come true, I mean it. I have watched the girls I call sisters and best friends come before me leading our sweet Carolina State in numerous acts of service. I will always be thankful for being a part of that. The feeling of standing before such great role models like yourselves right now is so surreal. It is a feeling like no other.

Each year, the Grand Worthy Advisor is to choose a theme for her term. This year I have chosen "Harry Potter." I chose this theme for so many reasons. The first reason is that the book was the very first book I ever received. It was given to me by my paternal grandmother, and I have dedicated part of my term to her. Another reason I chose it was because the comparisons within the fairytale and the organization of Rainbow is

uncanny. When Harry became a wizard he was 11. Ironically, in Rainbow you had to be 11 to become a member. In the Harry Potter series there were four houses: Gryffindor, Hufflepuff, Slytherin, and Ravenclaw. As you all know there are four main bodies of masonry: Masons, Eastern Star, Rainbow, and DeMolay. These are just a couple of fun facts about the comparisons. The real reason I chose this as my theme is because I felt that J. K. Rowling, author of the Harry Potter series, did a fantastic job displaying what true friendship and courage mean through the various situations the main character, Harry, went through growing up. That is why throughout my term, I have decided to hone in on the two aspects of what it means to be a friend to somebody, and having the courage to do great things. The title of my term is the "82nd Grand Session of Courage & Friendship."

Look around you, the man sitting beside you right now you call your brother. Another name you would call him is friend. This is my point. You must have the courage to be that friend to someone and take that extra step to get to know the people around you. The thing that bothered me the most about our masonic youth when I first joined many years ago was the "connected separation." Yes, that is rhetorical. But what I mean by it is we all called ourselves brothers and sisters but could never truly say all these people were our friends.

My plan this year is to encourage us to not only make friendships and relationships that will last a lifetime with the individuals in our communities but especially with those we call brother and sister. In the Harry Potter series, the three main characters were three completely different types of people. Hermione was intelligent and came from a very prestigious normal family. Ron was free spirited and grew up in a very loving tight knit family. Harry, on the other hand, was the most courageous of all despite being orphaned and living within a family that did not love him. With all the differences in their backgrounds they found friendship by being courageous enough to stick by one another through good times and bad.

This is the exact purpose of my term this year. I want to help girls really get to know each other and take the courageous step of being a true friend to those they call sister. I encourage you men to do the same. Get to know that mason you shook hands with a few times. You all know that your purpose and foundation is service, so now take that purpose and serve one another by extending that friendship to new levels that will last forever.

On a more business note, if you or your wife would like to work with your local Assembly, there is a list of Assemblies on our state web page. The address is www.nciorg.org. Your wife does not need to be a member of the Eastern Star to work with the Assembly or to attend our functions.

Studies have proven that the opportunity for social interactions with others is very important for the development of all children. Through social interactions children begin to establish a sense of self and learn what is expected of them. Children who learn appropriate social skills often have a higher self esteem and show a greater willingness to interact within their environment as they grow. Our beautiful order keeps growing and growing. We were fortunate enough to open a couple of new Assemblies this year, and we want to continue the growth throughout the years to come.

Before I finish, I want to talk for a moment about one special hard working, elegant, and gorgeous woman known as Mrs. Kay to all her girls. This woman right here works her tail off behind the scenes all the time to make sure our organization is what it is known for. They say you reap what you sow. She reaps a group of great girls because she set that example for us to follow. She travels all over the state to be there for her girls. She works tireless, thankless jobs that one speaks about. I am here to say we notice it. We appreciate all this amazing woman does for our order. Not only is she running a state full of girls, but she is also working very hard at the supreme level, which has not been neglected on the international level. This past July, Mrs. Kay was promoted as

Supreme Charity. Please everyone join me and give her a big round of applause for all she does and continues to achieve throughout the order. Mrs. Kay, all your girls are so proud of you and want you to know how much we truly love you!

You are all invited to North Carolina's 82nd Grand Assembly which will be held in Raleigh in June 2019. Our official date and location will be announced on our site. I want to leave you with a quote by J. K. Rowling: "We must all face the choice between what is right and what is easy". Please let that quote sink in and take that with you on all your future courageous endeavors.

Thank you again so much for having me.

Summer Lynn Clifford, 2018

Quenton Surace, Deputy State Master Councilor of the North Carolina Chapter of DeMolay International presented the Ceremony of Light

The Ceremony of Light is a public ceremony that is used to provide a summary on the basic teachings of DeMolay. The Ceremony offers an explanation behind the symbolism of the seven candles that surround the altar in a DeMolay Chapter and signify their importance to a DeMolay.

Report of the Administrator of the Masonic Home for Children at Oxford

The following report of the Administrator of the Masonic Home for Children at Oxford was received and entered on the record.

Thank you, Most Worshipful Grand Master. Good afternoon, brethren! I bring you greetings and thanks from your beloved children's home.

I want to begin by sharing that our thoughts, prayers, and best wishes have been with all who were impacted by Hurricane Florence. We also want to say thank you to all the brethren who sent us their positive thoughts and prayers. Many of those concerned for the children were in harm's way, yet they reached out to check in and to offer support. We felt your prayers and are strengthened by your love.

We are very proud of the children and staff as they prepared, endured, and now seek to assist others throughout this catastrophic storm. We have put out the word with DSS, Red Cross of New Bern, NC Coastal Emergency Services, CWLA, Alliance for Strong Families, and Benchmarks that your children's home can accommodate displaced children or provide for children's needs while their family is displaced and rebuilding. Please let any families in need know that your children's home can provide residential care if they need a stable residence while the family rebuilds. Guardians must be NC residents and children must be appropriate for low-level of care. Thank you.

The Annual Report is out, and the numbers continue to be strong. The DSS Licensing completed their review and your Home is licensed through January 2020.

The Masonic Homecoming Fair will be on October 12th and 13th. Visit the MHC website for the schedule, sign ups, and other information. Visit our table for flyers highlighting family and Masonic events taking place during Homecoming. Orphan's Lodge No. 761 will be opened on Saturday at 8am by PGMs. Immediately afterward, the pool cornerstone will be dedicated by the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge. The parade time has been changed and will step off at 11am. The staging area has also been changed and is in front of the Fire Station on E. McClanahan St. Consider bringing your family and friends as there will be fun for all.

We now have an Ambassador in all but two districts across the state. Would all our ambassadors please stand and be recognized? Brethren, thank you for this important

service to your Home. Brethren, your Ambassador is a local resource for information related to your children's home, and we continue to develop their role to provide exceptional care for more children in need.

Elements of the Master Plan continue to be developed, including a new pool for the children. Serious safety concerns necessitated a new pool. A pool has been on campus for 97 years. There are still opportunities to help fund this important cornerstone to the culture of the children's home. Thank you to all who have made a splash in our fundraising.

Brethren, the hurricanes of life devastate families every day. Violence occurs in homes, schools, and neighborhoods. Mental health and substance abuse affect families' ability to function appropriately. Homelessness and poverty make children's lives chaotic, transient, and dangerous. Children are the victims of circumstances they did not create. But, Brethren, your Masonic Light casts a rainbow in the storms of life, bringing promise of hope, safety, and new beginnings for the children at your Home. The hope you provide has recently helped them complete high school and college, successfully move out on their own, be gainfully employed, earn doctorates, play sports, be in band, take their first steps, and smile — real smiles.

Brethren, you are God's Rainbow of Promise for our children. Thank you and So Mote it Be.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin Otis, Administrator

Report of the Administrator of WhiteStone: A Masonic and Eastern Star Community

The following report of the Administrator of WhiteStone: A Masonic and Eastern Star Community was received and entered on the record.

Most Worshipful Grand Line officers and distinguished guests:

It's with great pleasure and excitement I am here with you today serving as the Executive Director at WhiteStone, our Masonic and Eastern Star Home in Greensboro. Since assuming the role in March of this year, I have been overwhelmed by the outpouring of support and how welcoming everyone has been. I came into this role with high expectations due to my previous experience with the Masonic Home in Ohio, but I've been blown away. It's a great thing to be a part of something so special.

My predecessor, Brother Mark Kolada, continues to have a significant role with WhiteStone as the Director of Life Plan Communities for Life Care Services, the management company for WhiteStone, and this has proven to be invaluable during this transition, especially for me. I would like to thank Brother Kolada for his leadership and guidance these first few months.

I am here today representing the 300 residents that call WhiteStone home and the nearly 250 employees who provide them with extraordinary care. Thanks to your continued fraternal support we celebrate 106 years of service in Greensboro, where exceptional retirement living is provided for our sisters and brothers in their golden years.

Operations Review/Highlights

The 2017 year was another defining moment in the history of WhiteStone, and 2018 is shaping up favorably.

1. Operations continue to be strong as we are experiencing good occupancy levels across the campus from our independent living, to memory care, and our care

center.

2. WhiteStone exceeded our budget expectations for 2017 and have put ourselves in a good position in 2018 to do the same.
3. Also, in 2017 our Care Center received a deficiency free survey from the NC Department of Health. This is a rare achievement and a true testament to the high quality of care we provide our seniors on our Greensboro campus.

Fraternal Charity

At WhiteStone we're proud of our service to those in need and opportunities to fulfill our charitable mission. During the past year we have continued our mission by providing financial assistance to fraternal members from across the state of North Carolina.

Our partnership with the Masonic and Eastern Star Foundation, LLC continues to work well to provide that financial assistance for our Brothers and Sisters. This assistance comes in three forms; through MESH Foundation, LLC we provide financial assistance for fraternal members to be admitted to WhiteStone who could not otherwise afford it. Last year, we approved 5 such applicants from areas of the state that include Wilmington, Charlotte, Siler City, and Greensboro.

The second form of our charity is that of providing assistance to those fraternally related residents at WhiteStone who have depleted their resources. In review of 2017, our community provided financial assistance to forty-six (46) residents on campus who had depleted their resources, all fraternally related, totaling more than \$1.2M. This assistance is used to supplement costs for room and board, medical equipment, medications, and insurance, for example.

In 2016, we expanded our partnership with the MESH Foundation, LLC to establish the North Carolina Masonic and Eastern Star Outreach Program. Over the past year we've seen growth in this program as fraternal members across the state are receiving the assistance they need to improve their quality of life while remaining in their home. With this program we recognize that many members are struggling and need extra help. But we also recognize that not everyone desires to move to Greensboro to live at WhiteStone, and if given a choice, would rather stay in their own home. The Outreach Program provides an added option for those individuals to live a quality life, wherever they call home. If you know of someone who could benefit from this program, we have a 1-800 number to receive referrals and start the process of getting them the help they need.

Without the never-ending support of the North Carolina Masonic Foundation, the Eastern Star Foundation, our Lodges and Chapters and each of you, this would not be possible.

Expansion

As for the future, I am excited to announce that WhiteStone continues its journey toward expansion on our Greensboro campus to better serve the fraternal members and the local community. Our vision is to provide a full continuum of care offering a seamless transition for residents moving between the Independent Living, to Assisted Living, Memory Care and Skilled Nursing Care as needed. We are confident that this expansion will solidify WhiteStone's position as the premier provider for a full continuum of retirement living.

Closing

Once again on behalf of the residents and staff of WhiteStone, we appreciate all the Masons for your hard work fundraising and the financial support of our Masonic

Foundation. I would personally like to thank the Most Worshipful and the twelve Masonic Foundation Board members for your support and commitment to our Home.

Lastly, Most Worshipful, I am happy to say that a petition will be coming soon.

Thank you and God bless.

Mark Lewis, Administrator

Grand Master Speed Hallman called the Grand Lodge from Refreshment to Labor and continued the business of the Annual Communication.

Presentation from E. Oscar Alleyne of New York

Grand Master Speed Hallman introduced Brother Elquemedo Oscar Alleyne, the Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of New York, who gave the following speech:

The Prevalence of Clandestine Freemasonry in the U.S.

Background

Freemasonry has taken many shapes and forms in the United States and across the world. Men of all ethnicities and backgrounds proudly embrace their membership in the Masonic fraternity. Freemasonry also holds a lasting position in the historical, and cultural norms of the African American community. In an effort to classify the practice of Freemasonry specific to African Americans, this descriptive study seeks to identify the differences in practice through an examination of historical origins and presentations.

There have been men of color among the ranks of Speculative Masonry for ages. Brother Joseph Bologne, known as the Chevalier de Saint-Georges of France, was initiated in the mid-1700's into the 9 Sisters (Les Neufs Sœurs) Lodge in Paris under the Grand Orient of France. He was a skilled and well respected composer, conductor, violinist, swordsman, equestrian and soldier. He assisted with founding of the Olympic Lodge Orchestra which was sponsored by the l'Olympique de la Parfait Union lodge, where the musicians were all Masons.

Brother Angelo Soliman, a well-known friend of Brother Amadeus Mozart, is recorded as joining the Vienna Masonic lodge "True Harmony" in 1783. In New Jersey, Alpha Lodge #116 rose to infamy in 1871 when it introduced a mostly African American membership causing outcry and backlash from other U.S Grand Lodge jurisdictions. The World Champion Boxer Jack Johnson was initiated into Lodge Forfar and Kincardine 225 in Dundee, Scotland on October 13th, 1911. This also caused a major uproar in the Masonic world at the time with many US Grand Lodges issuing protests and threats to pull recognition of the Grand Lodge of Scotland,. Records also indicated that men of color were admitted to an Edinburgh Masonic Lodge in 1904 under Grand Lodge of Scotland and other lodges in Africa such as the Lodge Morality, No.1362 (Ghana), in 1930 under the Grand Lodge of Scotland (GLoS).

Historical and current data was collected and reviewed on African Americans and Freemasonry. It was best to characterize predominantly African American Freemasonic organizations into three categories: Prince Hall Affiliated, Prince Hall Origin and Non-Prince Hall. The term "predominantly African American" is used in this review to refer to Masonic organizations whose majority membership is comprised of African

Americans. The first of this group is the Prince Hall Affiliated.

Prince Hall Affiliated

Prince Hall, born in or around the year 1738, is known as the "Father of Black Masonry." He was a staunch proponent for equal treatment for Blacks, education for Black children and the abolition of slavery and slave trade. His additional legacy to American history came when Prince Hall and fourteen other free black men were initiated on March 6th, 1778, by John Batt who was a member of Lodge No. 441 under the Irish Constitution, attached to the 38th Foot Regiment of the British Army. It was said that a permit was granted by the Provincial Grand Master John Rowe to walk in procession on St. John's Day. For eight years these brethren, together with others who had received their degrees elsewhere, assembled and enjoyed their limited privileges as Masons. By January 14th, 1779, thirty-three masons were listed on the rolls of African Lodge #1.

On March 2, 1784, WM Prince Hall petitioned the Premier Grand Lodge of England with the help of WM William Moody of the Lodge of Brotherly Love #55 in London, England for a warrant or charter. The two established correspondence after a Brother from African Lodge No. 1 was in need of aid and assistance while in England. When he returned to the US, he told Prince Hall how he was received and helped by Brothers from Lodge of Brotherly Love #55. On September 29th, 1784, a warrant was granted by the Premier Grand Lodge of England to 15 men in Boston, Massachusetts forming them into African Lodge, No. 459 on the English Register. It must be noted that the actual Warrant did not arrive until 1787.

Records indicate that African Lodge contributed to the Premier Grand Lodge of England's Charity Fund until 1797 and was in steady correspondence with the Grand Secretary until the early 19th Century. After 1802, largely due to effect on transport to and communications with North America around the Napoleonic War, contact was lost. At the creation of the United Grand Lodge of England with the merger of the Antients & Moderns in 1813, African Lodge and many others was omitted from the Premier Grand Lodge's register. The lodge was later renumbered as were others that were renumbered or remained stricken from the register, there having been no contact for many years.

In 1827, having been refused acknowledgment by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, African Lodge #459 declared itself to be an independent Grand Lodge: the African Grand Lodge of Massachusetts which was later renamed Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. Many Prince Hall Grand Lodges are descended from what is now the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. History is rife with the issues and controversies surrounding the acceptance of the origins, legitimacy and recognition of Prince Hall Affiliated Masonry. The objective of this paper is not to become immersed in the pros or cons of those arguments then or now.

In 1994, the United Grand Lodge of England's Grand Registrar released a resolution, which stated that notwithstanding its unusual formation, the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts should now be accepted as regular, and be recognized. The administrations of the Grand Lodges of Ireland and Scotland also agreed in principle that the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts should be recognized.

To clarify its position, the UGLE stated that by the standards of today (i.e. the requirement of three lodges being necessary to form a Grand Lodge), the formation of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts was irregular. However in the 18th Century, three Grand Lodges in North America were formed by not three but two Lodges, with the Grand Lodge of New Jersey being formed simply by a Grand Convention of Masons. Therefore the UGLE ruled that by the standards then prevailing, the formation of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts could have been seen as merely eccentric, and of acceptable regularity. In spite of the unusual transformation of its original Lodge into a Grand Lodge, the philosophy and practice of Prince Hall Masonry today are of

exemplary regularity.

Since the UGLE's resolution, there are 46 mainstream Grand Lodges in the US that have established or voted in favor or recognition of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge in their state. Four Grand Lodges still at this time do not recognize Prince Hall Masonry as regular or legitimate for a number of reasons. Those states are Arkansas, Mississippi, South Carolina and West Virginia.

With over 5,000 Lodges and 47 Grand Lodges that can be traced back to the African Lodge #459, Prince Hall Affiliated has a membership of at least 300,000 brothers worldwide. With several notable and famous members known for their contributions to science, law, politics, civics, sports and entertainment, Prince Hall Affiliated continues to be a major gateway to men of color interested in becoming Freemasons. While the organization is predominantly African American, PHA has several members who have joined that are non-African American and from other culturally diverse backgrounds. The next group explored is that of the Prince Hall Origin organization.

Prince Hall Origin

The Prince Hall Origin organization, which can be said to be regular by lineage, is an unrecognized body. Its current governance structure is led by a National Grand Master (Clyde L. Shepard) with its headquarters in Jackson, Mississippi. In order to understand the complexity surrounding Prince Hall Origin and Prince Hall Affiliated, an additional historical context is required. On May 8th, 1843, the mainstream Grand Lodges of New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New York, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Mississippi, Florida and Ohio held a convention in the city of Baltimore, Maryland.

The purpose of this convention was to assemble the Craft to preserve the ancient landmarks and develop a uniformity of work among US Grand Lodges reeling from the impact of the Anti-Masonic movement. The result of this convention led to the first known introduction of "dues cards", the introduction of initiation fees from candidates prior to receiving degrees, the conducting business on the 3rd degree only, the establishment of suspensions for NPD's, the adoption of a funeral service, a consecration and constitution ceremony, a ceremony of installation and a ceremony to be observed at the dedication of Masonic Halls. One of the proposals also evaluated at the Baltimore Convention was the establishment of a General Grand Lodge, which failed to get support. The attendees instead chose to recommend that the several Grand Lodges of the United States enter into and form a National Masonic Convention.

Similarly, on June 24-26, 1847, there was a Prince Hall convention in Boston, Massachusetts with delegates from African Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, the First Independent African Grand Lodge of North America (Pennsylvania), Boyer Lodge of New York, and Hiram Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. The purpose of the meeting was to resolve a schism between brothers of the First Independent African Grand Lodge and Hiram Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. Hiram Grand Lodge was created by a group of brothers who were expelled from First Independent African Grand Lodge. The attendees at this meeting however created the Most Worshipful National Grand Lodge of Ancient York Rite Masons (also known as Prince Hall Origin Compact).

This conceptually created one National Grand Lodge (NGL) over all existing Prince Hall Grand Lodges. The National Grand Lodge is said to have created 23 other subordinate Grand Lodges between 1848 through 1877. It is credited with developing the uniformity of work among early Prince Hall Masonry and solidifying the network of lodges assisting in the Underground Railroad. The Underground Railroad, which began towards the end of the 18th Century, was an organized system and vast network of people who helped hundreds of fugitive slaves escape to the North and to Canada.

However all was not well within this newly established National Grand Lodge. Boyer Lodge of New York withdrew from the NGL jurisdiction on June 7, 1848 and

reclaimed their independent sovereignty. Hiram Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania left on November 9th, 1849. The First Independent African Grand Lodge of North America (Pennsylvania) left on June 28, 1850. Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Ohio left in 1867 and Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts originally African Grand Lodge of Massachusetts) left in 1873. Most Prince Hall Grand Lodges withdrew from the NGL between 1871-1879. They generally joined forces as independent sovereign Grand Lodge counterparts and later adopted the name Prince Hall Affiliated at a Convention of Grand Lodges in 1944.

Though many noted Prince Hall Affiliated historians wrote that the National Grand Lodge disintegrated and disbanded at the exit of these Grand Lodges from the Compact, the NGL continued to form new Grand Lodges after 1877, in addition to maintaining that it held jurisdiction over the other Grand Lodges that did not leave with the PHA Grand Lodges. The National Grand Lodge still exists today and is known as M.W. National Grand Lodge F & AAYM, Prince Hall Origin, National Compact, USA with subordinate Grand Lodges listed in at least 20 States.

The National Grand Lodge is regarded as unrecognized because conventional Masonic practice maintains that there is no authority under the Ancient Charges or Masonic Law, nor is there any Masonic justification to have a Grand Lodge subordinate to another Grand Lodge. Many have tried to draw similarities to the United Grand Lodges of Germany (UGLG), which is comprised five constituent Grand Lodges. The UGLG, which is recognized as regular, solely exists to represent German Freemasonry to foreign institutions (the other Grand Lodges around the world) and the German public. The member Grand Lodges remain sovereign and autonomous to conduct their internal affairs and in their manner of teaching Freemasonry. In the case of the PHO National Grand Lodge, the subordinate Grand Lodges are not sovereign or autonomous to conduct their state affairs.

Conversely, it can be said that practice of Masonry within Prince Hall Origin can be considered regular (notwithstanding its governance structure) as some PHO GL's can trace their lineage directly back to African Lodge # 459 as is the example of the Compact Grand Lodge in Delaware. There exists an acrimonious relationship between the two organizations as neither group recognizes each other. There have been instances where Prince Hall Affiliated lodges have absorbed a number of PHO lodges or "healed" PHO members into PHA. The unofficial term "healing" refers to the process by which an unrecognized Mason can become a member of a regular lodge based on the policies and procedures of the Grand Lodge approving his membership.

In recent years, there have been members of the NGL and at least one PHA researcher who have openly called for the recognition of PHO as a legitimate and recognized Masonic organization. Two roadblocks prevent this from being a reality: The National Grand Lodge's governance structure claiming sovereignty over other Grand Lodges and no mainstream Grand Lodges in amity or recognition with their sister Prince Hall Affiliated Grand Lodges will enter into recognition with another Grand Lodge in their state. Bewilderment will continue to the uninformed as many Masons do not know nor comprehend the difference between the two groups that lay claim to the use of Prince Hall in their names separated only by a vowel. Evidence of this is shown in some states where the NGL Grand Lodge uses Prince Hall in their title while the Prince Hall Affiliated Grand Lodge does not (eg. the Mississippi PHA Grand Lodge is the MW Stringer Grand Lodge, PHA while the PHO Grand Lodge is the MW Prince Hall Grand Lodge State of Mississippi). To add to this multifaceted landscape, we must also examine the groups known as the Non Prince Hall Masons.

Non-Prince Hall

This unrecognized group of Masons is comprised mostly of bodies that most in regular conventional Freemasonry classify as bogus, clandestine, spurious or irregular.

A clandestine Lodge or Grand Lodge is defined as a body of Freemasons or of those improperly claiming to be Freemasons, uniting in a Lodge without the consent of a Grand Lodge, or although originally legally constituted, continues to operate as a Lodge after its Charter has been revoked. Spurious is defined as coming from an illegitimate birth or falsely attributed origin. Irregular encompasses those groups that are not acting in accord with laws, rules, or established Masonic custom. Bogus refer to those groups that present themselves as a Masonic organization but are fake or fraudulent business schemes.

One historic figure central to the development and existence of these groups is John George Jones, also known as the Father of Bogus Masonry. Jones was born on September 18, 1849 in Ithaca, New York. At an early age, his family relocated to Chicago Illinois. He became a lawyer by profession, being admitted to the Illinois Bar on March 24, 1881. He was later elected as a state representative of the 5th District of Cook County Illinois. Jones had a stellar Masonic history. He was a member of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge (PHA) F&AM, of the State of Illinois when he was initiated, passed, and raised in John Jones Lodge No. 7. This lodge was named after his uncle, a former Grand Master of Illinois.

He served as Master, was elected Grand Secretary in 1873 and 1874 and even went on to be elected as Deputy Grand Master in 1875. In 1876, he became very active in Scottish Rite Masonry where he was coronated as a 33° and served as the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. He entered into communication with many Scottish Rite councils around the world to present the case of the legitimacy of Scottish Rite in men of color. Jones is regarded as being principally responsible for the creation of the Prince Hall Shriners organization when, on June 3, 1893, he founded the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles Mystic Shrine of North and South America and its Jurisdictions, Inc.

Unfortunately, his impressive Masonic resume was checkered with issues. In 1887, he was suspended by MW J.W. Moore, the Prince Hall Grand Master in Illinois, for contumacy (contemptuous resistance to authority) but was later reinstated. In 1895, he ran for Sovereign Grand Commander of the United Supreme Council, Southern Jurisdiction PHA and lost against another Prince Hall powerhouse and leader Thornton Jackson. After contesting and losing the election, he then broke off with his "own" Scottish Rite Council and declared that he was the Sovereign Grand Commander of the United Supreme Council of Southern & Western Jurisdiction.

Jones was tried in 1903 by a Grand Lodge commission for fraudulently conferring Masonic degrees without authority upon persons who had not petitioned any lodge in the PHA Jurisdiction. He was found guilty, suspended indefinitely, and expelled from Prince Hall Masonry. Since that date, he and the leaders of his organization proceeded to set up multiple clandestine lodges, Grand Lodges and Supreme Councils in direct competition to the Prince Hall Affiliated groups he was a former member of. John Jones' legacy in the State of New York alone is staggering.

In 1908, he and others helped form Grand Lodges in upstate New York and New York City. A look at the historical sketch of these bodies is very revealing (see appendix):

Hiram Grand Lodge AF&AM

"On Aug 20, 1908 three Lodges, Keystone #1 chartered by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, MW HT Brodis Grand Master, Seneca Lodge #2 chartered by the Grand Lodge of Illinois, MW John G. Jones Grand Master and St John Lodge #3 chartered by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, MW H.C. Scott Grand Master, met in a place called Abbots Hall located in the city of Buffalo, State of NY, and organized Hiram Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. The meeting was presided over by MW John G Jones, Grand Master of the Illinois Grand Lodge.

The officers for the Grand Lodge were MW Benjamin Lane (GM), RW Clem Smith (DGM), RW Robert Buree (GSW), RW Charles Chatman (GJW), RW Washington Takett (GS) and RW Joseph Moon (GT).”

Groups that originated from Jones and similar men like him have created the largest number of unrecognized, irregular and clandestine Grand Lodges with their headquarters in New York than in any other state in the entire US. Some of these newer groups have even been founded within the six years (see Table 1).

Table 1:

Name of Grand Lodge	Year Founded
MW King Solomon Grand Lodge AF&AM of New York, Inc.	1907
MW Hiram Grand Lodge AF&AM	1908
Grand United Masonic Orient	1928
Serenisima Gran Logia De Lengua Espanola Para Estados Unidos	1933
Grand Lodge, Ancient Universal Mysteries, Grand Orient of America Inc.	1935
MW Enoch Grand Lodge of New York, Inc.	1944
MW Mount Carmel Grand Lodge of Ancient York Rite, Inc.	1949
Universal Grand Lodge	1954
MW Alpha Grand Lodge of New York, Inc.	1957
MW Athenian Grand Lodge of New York, Inc.	1961
MW Mt. Nebo Grand Lodge of New York	1964
Tyree Grand Lodge	1966
St. John's Grand Lodge	1968
MW Orient Grand Lodge of New York, Inc.	1969
MW Canaan Grand Lodge	1969
Oriental Grand Lodge AF&AM of the State of NY	1969
Omega Grand Lodge, AF&AM, New York State, Northern Jurisdiction, Incorporated	1970
Empire State Grand Lodge	1973
MW King George Grand Lodge	1974
Supreme Council Of The 33rd Degree Of The AASR Of Free Masonry Of The State Of Louisiana	1974
St Jude Grand Lodge	1975
King David Grand Lodge	1975
Mack Wright GL of AASRM	1979
Cornerstone Grand Lodge	1982
MW Grand Lodge of AF&AM	1983
GL Haitienne de St. Jean des Orient d'Outre-Mer	1983

MW Herbert C. Lee Grand Lodge	1986
MW Independent Bethlehem Grand Lodge, AF&AM, Inc	1986
MW Henefer GL	1987
MW United Orient Grand Lodge	1990
Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Primitive Oriental Rite of Memphis, Misraim, Memphis-Misraim, Inc	1990
MW Mystic Tie Grand Lodge	1991
MW Doric Grand Lodge, Inc. AF&AM	1991
MW New Amsterdam Grand Lodge	1991
International F&A Masons & Eastern Stars, Inc.	1991
St Johns Grand Lodge & Harriet Tubman Grand Chapter	1993
Excelsior State Grand Lodge Of Ancient Free Mason	1994
Harmony Supreme Council A&ASR	1996
MW Moorish Grand Lodge AF&AM	2001
Sons of Heskeith Grand Lodge	2002
Royal International Supreme Council, Western Hemisphere	2003
MW Grand Corinthian Lodge, Inc.	2003
Royal International Supreme Council, Western Hemisphere	2003
New Amsterdam GL AF&AM	2004
Sovereign Moorish Grand Lodge of the Americas	2008
Regular Grand Lodge of New York	2008
Grande Lodge Nepthali	2010
Regular Grand Lodge of NY, Ancient & Honorable Fraternity of Free Masons, Inc	2010
French Speaking Grand Lodge of Haitian Masons	
Guyanese Grand Lodge	
MW Mt. Ephraim Grand Lodge	
MW Edwin Sturup Grand Lodge of New York, Inc.	
St Raphael Grand Lodge	
MW Sons of Zebedee Grand Lodge AF&AM, Jurisdiction of New York	
Superior Grand Lodge Jurisdiction of New York, Inc.	
MW Sons of Haiti Grand Lodge	
United Moorish Grand Lodge	
Waset Grand Lodge	
Nimrod Grand Lodge	
Sons of Light Grand Lodge	
Continental Grand Lodge	

MW St. Mark Grand Lodge	
MW Mt. Calvary Grand Lodge	
MW Hiram Abif Grand Lodge	
MW Zerubbabel Grand Lodge	
MW St. Andrew Grand Lodge	
Nuwaupian Grand Lodge	
King James Grand Lodge	
King Cyrus Grand Lodge AF&AM	
Unity Grand Lodge AF&AM	
Mecca Grand Lodge AASR	
Esoteric Grand Lodge of America, Inc.	

Table 2 highlights a similar list of Grand Lodges that exist in the state of North Carolina:

Name of Grand Lodge	Year Founded
St. Mark Grand Lodge	1971
Supreme Grand Lodge Modern F&A Masons Of The World, Inc.	
Omega Grand Lodge	
Key Stone Grand Lodge	
Brotherly Love Grand Lodge	
Supreme Council AASRFM and Supreme Grand Chapter O.E.S. East-West Jurisdiction	
Mt. Luxor Supreme Council Of The Ancient & Accepted Afro-American Rite Of Free Masons Of The World And Order Of The Eastern Stars 33rd & Last Degree	
Enoch Grand Lodge AF&AM	2013
Harmony Supreme Council Of Ancient And Accepted Scottish York Rite Of Free American Masons Of The World And Order Of Eastern Star Inc.	
The Supreme Council of the House of Jacob of the United States of America	
United National Supreme Council	2017
Supreme Council of the United States Of America	
United National Supreme Council, Ancient And Accepted Scottish Rite, Freemasons Of The World, 33rd	
United Supreme Council Inc. Ancient And Accepted Scottish Rite Masons	
Universal Supreme Council AF & AM Thirty-third 33rd and Last Degree, Inc	

The Three Lettered vs. Four Lettered Phenomenon

There are many Masons who do not have a clear picture of nomenclature assigned to their Lodge and Grand Lodge names. History tells us of the rivalry between the Moderns & Antients Grand Lodges. Most American Masons believe the misinformation that Lodges descending from Antients, the Grand Lodge of Ireland and the Grand Lodge of Scotland tend use the name Ancient Free & Accepted Masons in their title while Lodges descending from Moderns (1717-1813) and the UGLE (1813) use Free & Accepted Masons in their title. This is incorrect and incidentally all of the five listed Grand Lodges have the words Ancient in their official titles.

- The Most Ancient and Right Worshipful Fraternity of Accepted Freemasons ~ The Moderns
- The Grand Lodge of the Most Antient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons (according to the Old Constitutions) ~ The Antients
- The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Ireland
- The Grand Lodge of Antient Free and Accepted Masons of Scotland
- The United Grand Lodge of Antient Free and Accepted Masons of England

Among the mainstream Grand Lodges in the United States there are approximately 25 F&AM Grand Lodges, 24 AF&AM Grand Lodges, 1 AFM Grand Lodge (South Carolina) and 1 FAAM (the District of Columbia). Prince Hall Affiliated has 47 F&AM Grand Lodges. In essence, there is no bearing on recognition or regularity among regular and recognized Grand Lodges when it comes to this naming scheme except for the fact that many Non-Prince Hall Grand Lodges refer to themselves as AF&AM because of the belief that they are Scottish Rite Masons and are therefore distinguished from the other F&AM named groups.

This self-professed distinction by the Non-Prince Hall groups is based on their misinterpretation of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, which is French in origin and not Scottish. The Scottish Rite as a concordant body in American Freemasonry covers Masonic degrees that number 1 through 33 however there is a strict agreement that the AASR will not confer their first 3 SR degrees seeing that the conferral of the symbolic lodge degrees fall under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge in each state. These first 3 degrees are often referred to as the Red Lodge or Craft degrees. The Scottish Rite and French Rite degrees could be found in New Orleans, Louisiana as early as 1752. Albert Pike received his Scottish Rite degrees in 1853.

There are some lodges in the mainstream Louisiana Grand Lodge (F&AM) that use Red Lodge ritual for their EA, FC & MM degrees. Puerto Rico has mostly Red Lodges while other mainstream US Grand Lodges also have a few subordinate Lodges that exemplify Red Lodge or Craft degrees (CA, HI, NY & WI). In NY, examples of these are Garibaldi, Alba and Union Francaise Lodges.

The fact is that many of these Non-Prince Hall groups originated either from former expelled or disgruntled Masons who were mostly from F&AM jurisdictions. They then started new Lodges and Grand Lodges as AF&AM in order to stylize themselves as having Scottish Rite origins. In many instances, they formed a large number of irregular Supreme Councils, which in turn “chartered” subordinate Blue lodges. As in the case of New York, they additionally registered their groups as business entities with the Secretary of the New York State Department of State, Division of Corporations in order to obtain a certificate of incorporation.

These certificates of incorporation are then used as charters empowering them to work as a Masonic organization. The dilemma lies in the fact that in actuality, these groups do not know of nor practice any of the Craft or Red Lodge degrees associated with Scottish Rite. The rituals that they use are actually copies of Duncan's Ritual or Lester's Look To The East ritual exposures usually purchased from Macoy Publishing and Masonic Supply Company or other vendors who market Masonic supplies.

The following are a few other examples of these Non-Prince Hall groups. Between 1917-1921, Jerry Baxter Baldwin and others organized 17 lodges throughout Alabama, Mississippi and Georgia. They applied and received a charter from Jefferson County and the State of Alabama on November 17, 1921, for the creation of the 'Free and Accepted Colored Masons of America'. On April 4, 1955, they amended their certificate of incorporation changing the name to the Supreme Grand Lodge, Modern Free and Accepted Masons of the World, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite.

This affiliation with Scottish Rite was due to that fact that Mr. Baldwin then the Grand Master of Modern Free and his group were successfully sued in court by John Wesley Dobbs, the Grand Master of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Georgia.

International Free and Accepted Masons

The demise of Modern Free and Accepted Masons gave rise to the International Free & Accepted Modern Masons, Inc. and Order of Eastern Star, Inc. in 1950, created by William V. Banks. Banks joined and was also expelled from the Modern F&AM Masons group when he attempted to split the organization into two factions in order to be gain power and control. Banks incorporated and chartered the IFAMM organization in August of 1950 in Detroit, Michigan and later in Wilmington, Delaware, stating that this empowered International Masons to practice Freemasonry, and operate as a Masonic Order, throughout the United States, its possessions and territories. To quote the organization's marketing material: "This American issued charter empowers, International Masons to the same rights as those charters issued directly from the Grand Lodge of England or the Grand Orient of France."

There are two unique things that make International Masons readily recognizable. First their logo features an upside down skeleton key beneath the Masonic square and compasses. This was a direct result of the lawsuit with the Modern Free and Accepted Masons group. The ruling stated that the organization could not use the signs and symbols traditionally associated with legitimate Masonic organizations. Secondly, members of the IFAMM don a fez as part of their symbolic lodge regalia. In regular and recognized American Freemasonry, fezzes are traditionally worn in the Shriner or Grotto organizations and are not a feature of symbolic blue lodge regalia.

In keeping with the tradition of the mainstream and Prince Hall Affiliated's development of interfraternal Conference of Grand Masters, the unrecognized and irregular groups also a similar organization. There is a self-styled umbrella grouping of the various Grand Lodges from 16 States and D.C. united under the General Grand Masonic Council, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the United States of America. This group hosts an annual convention, discuss issues and develop mutual agreements between each other. In New York, there is an additional grouping called the Brotherhood of Grand Lodges. By their outward appearance, it is extremely difficult to differentiate between these groups by the uninitiated and the initiated.

Estimates suggest there are over 245 predominantly Black Non-Prince Hall Grand Lodges in the United States that cannot prove their lineage to African Lodge No. 459. This compares with over 70 predominantly White or mainstream Grand lodges that are also considered irregular, unrecognized, or clandestine (e.g. Grand Orient of the USA Accepted Freemasons, Grand Lodge of All England, Grand Lodge of Ancient & Esoteric Freemasons, and the Regular Grand Lodge of England).

The Regular Grand Lodge of England

The Regular Grand Lodge of England is also known as the Masonic High Council of the Ancient And Honourable Fraternity Of Free And Accepted Masons. It is said to have formed according to the Old Constitutions granted by His Royal Highness Prince Edwin at York A.D. 926. This High Council states that it derives its regularity from the

"Act of Regularity" issued at Freemasons Arms, Covent Garden, London on the 25th January 2005.

The RGLE is of great interest as it has created the Masonic High Council of The United States of America for the purpose of establishing Grand Lodges in the US in recent years. This was accomplished by the RGLE chartering many of the US clandestine/irregular groups. This move served a mutual benefit because the unrecognized groups whose charters were not from a grand body of competent jurisdiction, jumped at the opportunity to be associated with the RGLE so that they can now say that they have "official charters from England" despite the fact that these English charters are no more legitimate for recognition as their previous state certificates of incorporation.

At their 2010 International Grand Assembly on November 11-14th in Virginia Beach, Virginia, the RGLE lists the following Grand Lodges as falling under their jurisdiction:

Regular Grand Lodge Of Virginia	Regular Grand Lodge Of Nevada
Regular Grand Lodge Of Illinois	Regular Grand Lodge Of New Jersey
Regular Grand Lodge Of North Carolina	Regular Grand Lodge Of New York
Regular Grand Lodge Of Texas	Regular Grand Lodge Of California
MHC Of Utah	MHC Of Florida
	Regular Grand Lodge Of Maryland

In 2005, the UGLE Grand Secretary R. Murrow issued a letter to the Grand Secretaries of Grand Lodges in amity with UGLE warning them about the presence of this self-constituted irregular and unrecognized group. There is a dynamic problem posed by the RGLE to mainstream and PHA Masonry. In those states, where recognition does not exist between the mainstream and PHA Grand Lodges, this group has appeared as a solution to those men who want to simply dwell together in unity without the entrapping issues of territory or cultural separation.

Conclusion

Despite conventional thinking, Freemasonry among the African American community should not be regarded as monolithic. While Prince Hall Affiliated is the oldest form of the Freemasonic fraternity in the African American community, estimates suggest that there are over 245 other Masonic organizations that exist and operate as such. Prince Hall Origin shares a unique relationship with the Prince Hall Affiliated groups with respect to common and disputed origin with divergence on the topic of recognition and regularity. The Non-Prince Hall groups are comprised of a vast number of unrecognized organizations that can be considered to be spurious, irregular, or clandestine, yet they operate and conduct themselves quite visibly in the African American community as legitimate Masonic entities.

Significant differences in the practice and presentation of Freemasonry exist within the African American population. This poses unique issues with respect to regularity and recognition. Most U.S mainstream Grand Lodges recognize Prince Hall Affiliated as their regular and legitimate counterpart however the differences illustrated here point to the need for systemic education and improved awareness among the rank and file members and leadership of both organizations. Many in mainstream Masonry make the error in categorizing this as a "Prince Hall problem" and one that does not impact or threaten the mainstream.

The rise of the use of social media, smartphone use, Masonic discussion boards and forums, and advances in telecommunications alone has removed the cocoon of isolation that once existed in the Craft. There are anecdotal reports of regular Masons interacting with and even inadvertently sitting in tiled meetings with irregular Masons

because they automatically assumed that the brother was a member of a recognized Grand Lodge or was a Prince Hall Affiliated Mason. In addition, mainstream lodges are experiencing an increase of a generation of men who are looking for an integrated lodge experience that mirrors the diversity of their life course and experiences. With the frequency of travel and other opportunities for increased contact, the mindset must adapt to one of this is a problem for “all” regular and recognized Masons.

It is also important to educate the community as to the differences and benefits of membership in recognized vs. unrecognized Masonic organizations. While Freemasonry does not recruit, it is important to develop initiatives that can allow a man to make a well-informed decision when he does choose Freemasonry so he can knock on the appropriate door of his choice. The findings underscore the need to use a unified team approach to provide necessary education and dynamic opportunities for action from a universal perspective.

Possible Solutions

As many men become more and more attracted to Freemasonry, the issue of regularity will remain an area of important concern. Unfortunately, men are being duped into joining various clandestine, bogus and irregular organizations all over the United States, believing that they are being regularly initiated into the world’s largest and oldest fraternity. In fact, it was only within the last decade, that concise information has been made available publicly to identify many of these groups and educate the membership on the importance of regularity.

However significant damage has already been done. With the outward appearance of these groups mirroring that of recognized jurisdictions, many among the initiated and the uninitiated simply cannot tell the difference. Members of the irregular groups have a resounding belief that they are Freemasons, practicing the tenets of the fraternity with corresponding concordant and appendant bodies, charities, conventions, councils, etc.

They continue to exist and in some cases grow despite having “irregular charters” that are based on their incorporation (as in the case of NY under the New York State Division of Corporations and not a just and duly constituted body of competent jurisdiction). Others are detestable money making schemes that defraud men of money in order to obtain “Masonic degrees.” Those initiated into these groups soon find that there are substantial deficiencies and discrepancies with respect to practice and experience. As an additional cost to our Fraternity’s legacy is the fact that the public develops a false impression of Freemasonry based on the actions of those affiliated with bogus groups.

Once this issue becomes brought to light, the natural reaction has always turned to what can be done. The author does not purport to have any authority to develop, plan, or implement policies for any Grand Lodge jurisdiction. The following are only recommendations, which may serve as possible solutions that can be adopted for a unified response to this issue:

A Unified Reclamation of Regularity Program

The outcomes of this suggested program may improve the healthy practice of speculative Freemasonry in each US State through the enhanced awareness of and the reduction of the risk of membership in irregular organizations.

The aims of the Reclamation of Regularity Program would be to:

Aim 1: Increase awareness of the general population to the inherent advantages of choosing regular Freemasonry for themselves and their families.

Aim 2: Assist these communities in their understanding of how to achieve regular membership for themselves and their families.

Aim 3: To provide necessary tools and products to ensure that residents can have a safer and healthier Masonic experience now as a result of the Program.

In order to continue to obtain the programmatic aims and goals, objectives should be set forth to ensure that they are being met and reviewed on a continual basis. Programmatic objectives should be specific, measurable, achievable, realistic, and time-bound. For example, the two Grand Lodges may:

- Develop, monitor and improve the **Reclamation of Regularity Program** in their state over a 5-year period implementation.
- Expose all in the target communities to consistent and repeated messages using multimedia presentations, internet-based, marketing/educational tools and other resources such as featured links, web/pod casts and related information on both of the official websites of both Grand Lodges. This creates a method to actively engage and educate the irregular Mason on the path to and advantages of regularity without embarking in direct Masonic interaction.

Goal 1: Internal Awareness

- Increase the internal education on the two regular and recognized Masonic Grand Lodges in each State.
- Improve the internal awareness of the irregular, unrecognized and clandestine practices that exist in a State through the implementation of unified lodge education and presentations in the various regular and recognized Masonic districts.
- Increase the number of visitations and interactions among the two recognized jurisdictions in order to improve fraternal solidarity and provide a visible deterrent to the confusion and misperceptions of Masonic regularity and irregularity.

Goal 2: External Public Knowledge

- Increase the number of men and families who have a better understanding of what regular Freemasonry is through the implementation of speaking engagements and presentations at Masonic events.
- Educate state residents on the risk of joining irregular and unrecognized groups and bogus organizations.
- Decrease the number of inadvertent errors of joining irregular and unrecognized Freemasonry through the distribution of unified written and online educational messaging on the benefits of a regular path to membership.

Goal 3: Target the Irregular Mason Tactically and Tactfully

- Increase their education on regularity in each State through the implementation of unified mass media, multimedia messaging and various educational resources available highlighting the benefits of joining regular and recognized Freemasonry.
- Outline the methodology in place for the irregular Mason if he so desires to renounce his membership in an irregular, bogus and clandestine lodge and, if found worthy, to petition a just and duly constituted lodge under either of the two regular and recognized Grand Lodges in each State.

Long Term Assessment and Outlook

The program will continue to target all areas of each state that are in high risk categories for the above mentioned concerns of the **Reclamation of Regularity Program**. The use of an established low cost but effective online educational and referral system remains key. This unified approach will secure that appropriate procedures are in place whereby activities are monitored and reviewed on a quarterly basis.

The intended outlook of the **Reclamation of Regularity Program** is to consistently demonstrate the capacity for furthering the advantages of regular Freemasonry in all areas of planning, programming and community-service development and it will become

well recognized for the benefits it will produce for the residents of our State. We should remain dedicated to new initiatives and fervently seek new collaborative opportunities for the overall betterment of our Craft and the community as a whole.

****Appendix can be found at the end of these Proceedings**

Report of the Committee on Necrology

Rev. Brother Jim Jones, Chairman of the Committee on Necrology, presided over the memorial service honoring the 1,255 members who have died since our last Annual Communication. He introduced Most Worshipful Brother A. Gene Cobb, Jr., PGM, who presented the tribute on Michael W. Brantley, Grand Historian. He also introduced Most Worshipful Berry Rigdon, PGM, who presented the tribute on Most Worshipful Charles E. Cathey.

Worshipful Brother Michael Wiley Brantley

August 11, 1938 – August 15, 2018

Grand Lodge of North Carolina – September 22, 2017

On August 15, 2018, the fraternity of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons learned of the passing of a brother. Throughout these last ten days, Masons from around the State of North Carolina have remembered Michael Wiley Brantley with great praise and admiration.

As we reflect upon the life of Michael Wiley Brantley born August 11, 1938; survived by sisters Betsy and her husband Bill, Tina and her husband Bill, several nieces and nephews; initiated February 17, 1981, passed April 14, 1981, and raised May 12, 1981, at James B. Green 735; Past Master of James B. Green 735, Raleigh 500, State College Lodge 770; and many other offices and honorary memberships bestowed — we give thanks to God for the gift of Michael to us all.

In his obituary from the News and Observer it read: “He was the Historian of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, a member of the Library Committee, atop his many awards and achievements, a recipient of the Joseph Montfort Medal (which by the way is the highest award that can be bestowed upon any Mason in this state) and quite possibly the most well-known mason in North Carolina.

You have heard from members of lodges where he served and offered himself. He shaped their history, and for all of us here today, he shaped who we are and what we have become. His life was a blessing to all. He was a teacher at the highest level.

Michael’s mind was artistic. He loved music, playing French Horn at White Memorial Presbyterian Church. Nothing conquered his love for music.

Michael loved to travel. We thought of him coming to our lodges or our educational opportunities, but he traveled the world and knew the world through creative eyes that continually supplied his brilliant mind.

His optimistic spirit and devoted friendship extended itself to us all as well as his unwavering support. Allow me to illustrate.

Michael and I met in Halifax on a couple of occasions at Royal White Hart Lodge 2 where he explained and understood the significance of lodge furnishings better than any of the hometown boys.

For many years, I tried to get the lodge in Halifax to move the traveling Master’s Chair that collected dust in the lodge to be restored and put on display in the Grand

Lodge Building a few blocks from here.

I told the brethren of the lodge that the most knowledgeable man alive in North Carolina recommended we send the chair to Raleigh. Only then, did they agree. When you visit the Grand Lodge building and see that chair, from now on, I hope you will remember Michael is responsible for it being there for everyone to enjoy.

A few years ago, when the first affinity lodge for an academic institution was organized, Michael Brantley stepped forward to serve as Master of State College Lodge UD. He could have said, "Get someone younger." That's not what a teacher, leader, friend, or brother says. Michael said, "I'll do it."

Michael's voice was engaging. As Deputy Grand Master, I was present at the consecration of the Lodge when Michael spoke with such passion about Masonry, I felt I was listening to Lincoln's rival at Gettysburg, or Churchill during WW2, or Kennedy at his inauguration, or King with a dream. He did it all without notes.

That voice may be silent in our ears, but it will never be silent in our hearts.

Before he died and Joshua took over the leadership of God's people, "Moses said to the Lord, 'May the Lord, the God who gives breath to all living things, appoint someone over this community to go out and come in before them, one who will lead them out and bring them in, so the Lord's people will not be like sheep without a shepherd.'" Numbers 27:15-17.

We have many great Masons in North Carolina. Today, in some respects we understand what it feels like to be sheep without a shepherd.

There was only one Michael Brantley.

There will never be another.

He inspired us. He taught us. He befriended us. He mentored us.

His devotion to excellence exemplified the best in who we are as individuals and as an organization. We called him Michael, Dr. Brantley, Worshipful Brother. Today we remember the grandest of all historians of the Grand Lodge as our Most Worshipful Grand Master, Speed Hallman comes to offer his words, condolences, and thoughts.

Most Worshipful Brother Charles Edward Cathey

April 19, 1938 – March 3, 2018

Grand Lodge of North Carolina – September 22, 2017

BLUE LODGE:

Initiated March 6, 1967, Passed April 4th, 1967, Raised April 28th, 1967. Fifty year endowed member and Past Master in 1974, of Sonoma Lodge #472, served as Secretary from 1977 until 1992, dual member of Blue Ridge Lodge #435, was appointed district deputy grand master 1980-82. Served on the Board of Directors of Oxford Orphanage 1989-91. He was grand representative to the Grand Lodge of Hawaii. In 2000, served as Grand Master of Masons of North Carolina A.F.&A.M. Established a scholarship fund which continues to award \$1000 scholarships to high school seniors, starting with two in 2007, now up to eight each year. 2007 received Joseph Montford Metal. 2000 was honored by Governor Jim Hunt with the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, the highest honor that a governor can award a private citizen

YORK RITE:

Capitular Masonry

Charles was a life member of the Waynesville York Rite bodies and in 1974 served as High Priest of Waynesville Chapter #69, receiving the Order of High Priesthood in 1974, and in 2001 received the North Carolina Royal Arch Metal for Distinguished Service to Masonry. He served as district high priest and district lecturer of the 10th

District. He was grand representative of the Grand Chapter of West Virginia.

Cryptic Masonry

Charles served in 1973, as Illustrious Master of Doric Council #20 of Royal and Select Masters and in 1974, received Thrice Illustrious Masters Degree. In 1987, awarded the Simmons Jones Baker Metal, in 2002, received the General Grand Council Award. He was grand representative of the Grand Council of Arkansas, received the Order of Ish-Sode awards Certificate in 1983 and Medal in 1988, member of Roanoke Council #1 Royal and Select Masters.

Chivalric Orders

Charles served in 1976 as Commander of Waynesville Commandery #31, then in 1996 served as Grand Commander of Grand Commandery Knights Templar North Carolina. He was a charter member in 1983 of North Carolina Knight Crusaders of the Cross, and he also received the Grand Encampment Award Knight Templar Cross of Honor. In 2000, he was the recipient of the Knights Templar Merit Award of the Grand Commandery of North Carolina for meritorious service to Freemasonry. He was grand representative of the Grand Commandery of South Dakota, life sponsor of the Knightd Templar Eye Foundation, and served as district commander of the 10th District and instructor inspector of the 9th and 10th Districts. After serving as head of local bodies he received the KYCH in 1976, then KYGCH two Quadrants for serving as Grand Commander 1996, and Grand Master of Masons 2000. He was a Past Prior in 1994, of Lily of the Valley #1 in America KYCH.

SCOTTISH RITE:

Charles was an endowed member of the Valley of Asheville Scottish Rite since 1968 and served as past venerable master of Asheville Lodge of Perfection and past master of Kadosh of Asheville Consistory. He received the honors of KCCH in 1987 and served as sovereign grand commander for the KCCH Investiture in 1989 and 1991. He was coroneted Inspector General Honorary 33 degree in 1991. He served as degree master of the 17th degree for several years, working in other degrees as well. He was a member of the Royal Order of Scotland.

Other Appendant Bodies

Charter Member and Past Sovereign Waynesville Council #224, Allied Masonic Degrees. Member Saint Patricks in America #1, Knight Masons. Member since 1989, St. Titus Conclave Red Cross of Constantine. Past Governor Western North Carolina #78, Charter member and Past Treasurer Smokey Mountain #172, York Rite College of North America, holder of Order of Purple Cross since 1990. Member Grand College of America Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priest served as an officer. Member of the North Carolina Colleg M.S.R.I.C.F., the Missouri Lodge of Research, the Masonic Book Club of Illinois, the Philalethes Society, and Quatuor Coronati Lodge of Research No. 2076, London, England.

EASTERN STAR:

Charles was a Past Patron of Sonoma Chapter #254, Order of the Eastern Star; was district deputy grand patron 1986-87; and served as Grand Chaplain of Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star in 1990-1991. He served on the Advisory Board for Haywood Assembly #30, Order of the Rainbow for Girls, and received the Grand Cross of Color in 1985.

SHRINE:

Member of Oasis Shrine Temple, the Haywood Shrine Club (which is now Tri-County Shrine Club) and the Past Master's Unit.

A US Army Veteran, he served at Fort Hood, Texas, as a combat medic from 1957-1959.

A native and lifelong resident of Haywood County, he was the son of Hugh and

Barbara Sheffield Cathey. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Ava Jean Henson Cathey and one very special sister, Vera Cathey.

Charles loved the history of the Bethel Valley of Haywood County and taught his children and grandchildren about their roots. He narrated a DVD produced by the Bethel Rural Organization, "Walking in the Footsteps of Those Who Came Before Us." Charles often said, "I always tell people that this valley (Pigeon Valley) is my body and this river (the Pigeon River) is my blood," as he looked out onto Cold Mountain and the forks of the Pigeon from whence his forefathers hailed.

In the shadow of a glowing wall of civic honors, Charles said that he was most proud of his children, Chuck (Angie), Tom (Michelle), and Machelie; his grandchildren, Joshua, Seth, Jared, Taylor, Will, and Erin; and two great-grandchildren, Payton and Kenley.

In September of AL 6000, a tribute to Charles E. Cathey, Grand Master of North Carolina, by the Board of General Purposes read as follows:

"One never knows what lies around the Blue Ridge Parkway's next blind bend. North Carolina's mountains are full of surprises and treasures hidden in a glade just over the next ridge at the end of a path barely seen. This year (2000) our Grand Lodge has enjoyed one of those happy surprises — a Masonic Treasure — in Grand Master Charles E. Cathey, Sr.

Mountain man — man-mountain — Charles Cathey stands tall and strong among the Craft as a symbol of fraternal goodwill and integrity. His smile and warmth quickly put his brothers at ease. That demeanor is not veneer. His honesty and sincerity are plain for all to see. His love for the fraternity and its brotherhood are at the fore in his daily life — reminding each of us by example that similar attitudes will improve our lives as well as the lives of those around us, be it our fraternity, community, state, nation, or planet.

Brother Charles's Santa Claus appearance, his measured gait, and his unhurried speech belie his lightning wit. A Top Gun Wisecrack Master, he has kept other Grand Lodge officers and Masons on their toes, but seldom truly prepared to parry his smiling joust or answer his unexpected rejoinder.

Few men, even ministers, enjoy his gift with prayer. Those of us who have enjoyed his invocations and benedictions now must suffer through the offerings of lesser talents.

Cathey's pleasant demeanor and joyous approach to freemasonry should never be mistaken for softness. His moral compass and determination to preserve the legacy of Masonry in North Carolina have assured that he could make the hard decisions necessary to preserve our Fraternity.

A Grand Master often draws great respect or great affection from the Craft. It is rare that a man can garner both. Charles Cathey may ever boost that Masons regard him as both Brother and Grand Master — a treasure indeed."

Respectfully submitted,
Berry Rigdon

**Charles Edward Cathey**

Final Report
of
Grand Master
Speed Hallman
to
the
Grand Lodge of
Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons
of North Carolina
at
Winston-Salem, North Carolina
September 27, 2019

Ignore the purple the fraternity may have draped across your shoulders, approach each Brother on the level, as an Entered Apprentice, and ask yourself, "What may I learn from my Brother?"

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With this profound guidance, and pursuant to Reg. 13-2.5 of our Code, I am pleased to offer my final report to the delegates at our Annual Communication on my acts as Grand Master and the general condition of Masonry within our jurisdiction.

I selected the hourglass as my symbol because I'm increasingly aware of the swift passage of time, and how the little particles contained in this machine are passing away almost imperceptibly for me, and for each of us. You entrusted me with a sacred duty for a limited time, and I'm grateful for the opportunity to serve as North Carolina's 165th Grand Master of Masons. My goal was to use every minute wisely and for the benefit of our Craft.

The State of the Craft

Masonic light shines brightly in the Tar Heel State, with few exceptions, and Masonry within our borders is multifaceted. We have country lodges, city lodges, motorcycle lodges, university lodges, formal lodges and casual lodges. Our oldest lodge was chartered in 1755 and our newest received its charter this year. We have a Masonic education program that is the envy of the nation and we have brethren wholly dedicated to their lodges, appendant bodies, committee work, philanthropy, service, and most importantly, friendship, morality and brotherly love. I visited lodges from Murphy to Manteo and I can report that overall, our Masonry is vibrant and robust. Each of our 371 lodges has its own culture and personality. Many are active, visible and engaged in meeting the needs of their communities. Some face challenges such as declining and aging membership, an insufficient number of members willing to fill the chairs, revenue shortfalls and buildings in need of extensive repairs.

To members of lodges that are struggling, I want you to know that current and former Grand Lodge officers and the staff are dedicated to your success. We have seen lodges go through rough patches, only to emerge stronger, and we can help lodges that want to be successful. I urge you to call on us for assistance.

North Carolina Masonry is nearly as diverse as our state's growing population. I've met hundreds of Masons, young and old, who come from all over the globe and who are practicing Masonry's precepts. They remember and heed their obligations and charges, and they are a joy to encounter. As the aphorism above admonishes, I want to learn how to be a better man and a better Mason from these brethren.

I have also seen evidence of members who are not as mindful of our teachings. I said members, not Masons, because I consider some of these men to be no more than carriers of dues cards. By word and deed they loudly and proudly assert their indifference to our beautiful system of morality. When I encounter such brethren, I reflect on the quote above and strive to remember that the divine glows within all of us – in upright Masons as well as in those who appear to have slunk in through poorly guarded west gates. Ideally, those in the latter group, who may have been misled about Masonry's purpose or who may have misunderstood who and what we are, will see the light. My hope is that those who will not or cannot see the light will slink back out. We are better off without them. Masonry is not for everyone, and a dues card in your wallet doesn't make you a Mason.

We know the difference between a member and a Mason. A Mason embodies the characteristics we inculcate through ritual and symbolism. He cares for his brethren and seeks to improve himself so he can improve his home life, his community and the world.

Where were you first prepared? Look to your heart and answer honestly: Are you a Mason or a member?

The Year in Review

Your 2018 Grand Lodge officers assumed their current duties on Dec. 2, 2017, in Chapel Hill, on the campus of the University of North Carolina. The University was founded by Masons as the first public university in the United States. For Masons, the ties connecting UNC and our Craft transcend game-day loyalties and are fascinating to explore.

Fittingly but coincidentally, my first visit to a lodge as Grand Master was to University Lodge #408 in Chapel Hill on Dec. 4 to see two UNC students raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. I was delighted to be asked to play second base for the degree when that position needed to be filled at the last minute.

Honoring our Veterans

There were many days when I felt blessed to serve as Grand Master on account of the brethren I was able to meet. The times I spent with veterans are particularly memorable.

On Jan. 31, I visited Zion Lodge #81 in Trenton to present a 60-year award to Bro. Tom Harriett. Bro. Harriett was aboard the USS St. Louis in Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. He and the St. Louis survived the aerial attack and a torpedo fired at the ship as she headed to sea. At 3 p.m. on a Wednesday afternoon, his lodge was full of brethren and townspeople who turned out to honor him, not only for his service to our nation but for being an outstanding friend, neighbor and citizen. It was deep regret that I learned Bro. Harriett entered the Celestial Lodge May 24.

I met Bro. Hubert Cadle, a WWII Army Air Corps veteran who served in the Pacific Theater, on March 7 at Columbus Lodge #102 during the District 20 meeting, and I had the honor of inviting to the East. He laid down his working tools April 25.

On April 11 at the District 1 meeting in Edenton, I recognized Bro. Marshall White, a D-Day veteran and member of Eureka Lodge #317. Bro. White landed on the beach at Normandy on June 6, 1944 as a sailor aboard LST-293. We learned of his passing on June 17, just after the 74th anniversary of the day Bro. White helped begin the liberation of Europe.

On April 30, I met Bro. Wayne Carringer, a survivor of the Bataan Death March, at the Charles George VA Medical Center in Asheville. Bro. Wayne greeted me in the lobby, driving a scooter flying an American flag and with a square and compasses emblem affixed to the rear. He locked eyes with me and asked a pointed question: "How come you guys (grand masters) only come here once a year?" I didn't have an answer but I did have an idea. Before I left that day we had scheduled an emergent communication of Sonoma Lodge #472 for July 10 at the hospital. The meeting would honor Wayne and all brethren at the hospital. Sadly, Bro. Wayne laid down his working tools on July 1.

We held the emergent communication at the VA hospital in Bro. Wayne's memory and we were blessed to have a number of veterans with us in lodge, including WWII Navy veteran Bro. Edwin Horhorouny (AKA Bro. Hoho), who described his wartime experiences on the USS Montague.

We were honored to have two distinguished out-of-state guests at the meeting: MWB Michael D. Smith, Grand Master of South Carolina; and Simon LaPlace, Past Grand Master of Connecticut and Executive Secretary and Director of Hospital Visitation for the Masonic Service Association of North America.

I'm indebted to the brethren who visited Bro. Wayne with me in April and made something happen that to my knowledge has never been done: a North Carolina lodge meeting in a VA hospital. Thank you MWB Berry Rigdon, Sonoma Lodge #472 Master Butch Allison, WBs John Burchfield, Gene Canter, Bill McEntire, Ron Sortino, and the brethren of Sonoma Lodge.

On July 25, I visited the W.G. (Bill) Hefner VA Medical Center in Salisbury. WB Rick Starnes, our Masonic Services Association volunteer in Salisbury, is passionate

about reaching out to and helping vets – Masons and non-Masons. Bro. Rick is well-known and well-loved by patients and staff. He needs help, and he and the patients would welcome your company. WB Bill Safrin, Bro. Jonathan Black and I made the rounds with Rick that day.

D-Day veteran and WB Mervin Hogg played a key role during the Battleship degree Sept. 8 in Wilmington. Even at the age of 93, he made a striking impression on three candidates. I was honored to invite him to the East before closing the lodge and I noted that the enemy never had a chance with men like him in the fight.

I urge lodges to visit to veterans in our VA hospitals in Asheville, Salisbury, Durham and Fayetteville, and support our dedicated MSA volunteers. For more on the Masonic Service Association of North America's Hospital Visitation Program, see msana.com.

Activities Around the State

On April 19, I spoke at Mosaic Lodge #762's open house in Chapel Hill. Mosaic meets in the beautiful Dialectic Society Chamber in UNC's New West building, and it's steadily making connections with students and the campus community.

Grand Line officers participated in the 13th Annual Carolina Masonic Pig Jig, held May 18-19, under the team name Grand Swine. Despite a torrential rain that caused teams of fainter heart to drop out of the competition, we enjoyed fellowship with the adventurous brethren assembled for competition at the State Fairgrounds. Grand Swine was led by our JGW and smoked-meat savant David Wicker. DGM Mack Sigmon, Grand Marshal Don Kehler and I rounded out the team. I encourage lodges and districts to join the fun and support Masonic charities by entering the Pig Jig, held every May in conjunction with the Got to be NC festival.

In June, I attended three community events benefitting the Masonic Home for Children at Oxford and at each one I enjoyed seeing WB Kevin Otis, administrator of the Home, and his wife, Kevin Otis.

On June 1, we attended a tractor pull as guests of WB Earl Wells at his GALOT Motorsports Park in Dunn. Kevin and Kevin brought a group of 30 children and staff from the Home. Earl made sure each had a T-shirt, money for concessions and ear protection. He invited one of the children to deliver the invocation before the tractors roared to life.

On June 21, Hamlet Lodge #532 held a gospel concert on the campus of Richmond Community college. Three outstanding quartets performed free of charge, and all proceeds from sponsorships and ticket sales benefitted our Home. Well done, WM David McCall and brethren!

June 29 is an especially memorable day. I went to the Denton FarmPark for the 48th Annual Southeast Old Threshers' Reunion. Bro. Brown Loflin created and owns the park. His nephew, WB Tim Loflin, helps manage events there. This year the 22-mile tractor ride and an auction benefitted the Home. It was an honor to ride at the front of the parade with Tim, who surprised me by switching seats and allowing me to take the wheel of his John Deere while we were moving. After the parade Denton Lodge #404 held an emergent communication in the FarmPark's church building. I presented three 50-year certificates and pins, including one to Bro. Brown Loflin. A highlight was the presentation of honorary memberships in Clyde Lodge #453 to WM Jason Parker and SW Chad Graham. Bros. Parker and Graham came to the aid of brethren from Clyde at the 2017 Annual Communication, and Clyde Lodge expressed its appreciation in a most fraternal manner. The spirit of brotherhood was powerful that day. Thanks to the Loflins for hosting us and designating our Home as the featured charity this year, to 27th District DDGM Jimmy Myers for his leadership, to WB Kirby Matthews for coordinating the Masonic activities, to Denton Lodge JD Matthew Holland and Tyler Jeff Kirkman for being my friends and brothers, and to all of the officers and brethren of

Denton Lodge for making it a great day. I understand that 32 Masons, including 17 past masters, camped in the FarmPark campground that weekend, and that Masons have been camping at the Threshers Reunion for 40 years. Maybe I'll see you there next year.

On May 28, DGM Mack Sigmon and I participated in the North Carolina Memorial Day Parade and Celebration in Thomasville. Thomasville Lodge #214 represented Masonry well in their community that day. Lodge members, with sponsorship from Food Lion, handed out 1,900 hot dogs and drinks to spectators. After walking in the parade, I was happy to find a job in the kitchen working alongside WM Andy Thomas, Bro. Jem Wiles, a 19-year-old Mason raised in November, and Bro. Aguztin Benites-Reynolds, a fellowcraft. I returned to Thomasville June 30 to see Bro. Aguztin raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

On April 14, I participated in the Great Landscaping Day at the Masonic Home for Children at Oxford. Grand Tyler John Speed and I started the day in Shipman Cottage at an emergent communication of Andrew Jackson Lodge #576. After the meeting we joined brethren from Salisbury at the Home's beautiful cemetery, God's Half Acre, where we planted two dogwood trees and spread mulch. I look forward to returning when the dogwoods are in bloom. The landscaping day is a service and fellowship opportunity for lodges, and the Home appreciates the help. Next April, round up some brethren and tools, and go. You'll be glad you did. I suggested an outdoor Master Mason degree for the 2019 event and, at this writing, look forward to attending.

We celebrated North Carolina Weekend at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria, VA July 20-22. Saturday began with a trip to Mount Vernon, where Bro. Matt Parker, SW of Lodge of the Nine Sisters UD, and I laid a wreath at George Washington's tomb and placed an apron on his marble sarcophagus. That's a Masonic moment I'll never forget. That afternoon, during an emergent communication of Lodge of the Nine Sisters, in the memorial's beautiful lodge room, I was honored to play King Solomon for a Master Mason degree. I hope the Mount Vernon visit and North Carolina degree at the memorial will become an annual event.

I also enjoyed playing the role of King Solomon in Master Mason degrees for Spencer Lodge #543's Railroad Degree held April 21 at the NC Transportation Museum, at Eagle Lodge #19 on June 12, at Kernersville Lodge #669 on June 16 and at the District 28 Quarry Degree in Concord on Sept. 8. Cannon Memorial Lodge #626 supplied the candidate for three of the degrees: At the George Washington Memorial, the Railroad Degree and the Quarry Degree.

On Aug. 1 I convened a joint meeting of members from Gastonia Lodge #369 and King Solomon Lodge #704 to discuss the potential sale of their building and merger of the lodges. I approved the merger in October and asked the lodge leadership to provide a budget and plans for sale of the lodge building and relocation of the merged lodge.

On Aug. 9 I helped Goldsboro Lodge #634 celebrate its centennial. It was a festive evening attended by members and their families, with Eastern North Carolina barbecue on the menu, and a program including service awards and a presentation on the lodge's history.

June 4 was a great day to be Grand Master, as Susan and I watched brethren from Clemmons Lodge #755 and West Bend Lodge #434 give bicycles to the top readers in grades K through 5 at Morgan Elementary School. Old Town Lodge #751 was one of the first lodges to start a Bikes for Books program. If you had seen the faces of those children when we rolled their new bikes into their classrooms, you'd be starting a Bikes for Books program for your lodge.

Susan and I attended the 30th District St. John's Day worship service June 10 at Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church in Statesville, led by Rev. Chris Fitzgerald, a member of Harmony #299. The text for his sermon, "Building a temple in the heart," was from I Kings 8:12-19. All hymns were by Masonic composers. A Trestleboard Service (our Bible presentation) was offered by WB Bill Thompson, and the Benediction (our

closing charge) was delivered by WB Keith Rash. We wore white aprons, and Masonry's light was shining brightly that day in a house of worship. Consider coordinating a similar service for your lodge or district.

I attended a St. John's Day feast on June 24 at Meadow Branch Lodge #578 in Wingate and enjoyed a program on the 300th anniversary of the United Grand Lodge of England presented by PGM Gene Cobb.

Out of State Visitations

I was honored to represent you at communications of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the District of Columbia (December) and the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York (April). In March, I traveled at my own expense to attend a quarterly communication of the United Grand Lodge of England in London, and a lodge meeting in Lund, Sweden. RW Oscar Alleyne, WB Ric Berman and WB Andreas Önnersfors were indispensable in helping with arrangements for the international visits.

District Meetings

Hosting a district meeting requires a great deal of work and sometimes stresses the officers. I'm grateful to the 27 lodges that hosted our meetings this year. The brethren never failed to be welcoming, hospitable and attentive to my message. The opportunity to visit lodges across the state, see old friends and make new ones was immensely rewarding.

District meetings were held as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Host Lodge</u>	<u>Lodge Address</u>
Jan 29	16	Granite 191	621 Bolling St, Clayton
30	6	Crown Point 708	1104 Charles St, Greenville
31	4	Lafayette 83	305 Chaney Ave, Jacksonville
Feb 27	11	Coharie 379	976 Autryville Rd, Salemburg
28	12	Shallotte 727	5072 Main Street, Shallotte
Mar 1	14	Millbrook 97	2400 New Hope Rd, Raleigh
5	24	Balfour 188	632 Sunset Ave, Asheboro
6	22	Dan River 129	110 Decatur St, Madison
7	20	Columbus 102	121 East St, Pittsboro
20	18	Maxton 417	123 S Florence St, Maxton
21	10	Harmony 340	108 S Railroad St, Pikeville
26	32	Phalanx 31	500 N Sharon Amity Rd, Charlotte
27	23	Revolution 552	802 16th St, Greensboro
Apr 2	33	Snow 363	240 Temple Dr, Boone
3	37	Cranberry 598	193 Main St, Elk Park
4	30	Harmony 299	143 E. Memorial Hwy, Harmony
10	2	Cape Hatteras 698	48338 Hwy 12, Buxton
11	1	Unanimity 7	215 E. Water St., Edenton
12	8	Enfield 447	137 SE Railroad St, Enfield
23	28	Stokes 32	51 Brumley Ave, Concord
24	29	Beaver Dam 276	605 E. Main St, Marshville
25	36	Gastonia 369	214 South St, Gastonia
30	39	Veritas 769	80 Broadway, Asheville
May 1	40	Oconee 427	62 Clifton Ave, Bryson City

2	38	Kedron 387	229 Fifth Ave. W., Hendersonville
3	34	Hickory 343	30 Catawba Valley Blvd SE, Hickory
15	19	Eagle 19	142 W King St, Hillsborough

Lodge representation at district meetings is an expectation, but 26 lodges were not represented in 2018. Five lodges were not represented in district meetings in 2017 or 2018: Winston #167, Creasy Proctor #679, Advance #710, Enterprise #752 and Clifford Duell #756. Lincoln #137 has been absent for three years. I asked these lodges to explain their absences.

Dispensations

I issued the following dispensations:

1. Elect SW - Montgomery 426
2. Elect Officers - Rockingham 495
3. Other Place - French Broad 292
4. Dispense with stated - Shallotte 727
5. Elect Officers - Wilkerson College 760
6. Elect Officers - Marietta 444
7. Elect Officers Orphans 761
8. Master of two Lodges - Knights of Solomon 768
9. Dispense with stated - New River 736
10. No Charter - St. John's 1
11. Elect JW - John H. Mills 624
12. Elect Officers - Pendleton 418
13. Stated Communication - Knights of Solomon 768
14. Elect Officers - Adoniram 149
15. Dispense with stated - J. J. Crowder 743
16. Elect JW - Knights of Solomon 764
17. Dispense with stated - Orient 395
18. Other Place - Lodge of the Nine Sisters UD
19. Dispense with stated - Liberty 714
20. Dispense with stated - Fallston 356
21. Elect Officers - Adnoiram 149
22. Stated communications - Knights of Solomon 768
23. Elect JW - Corinthian 230
24. Other Place - Kernersville 669
25. Dispense with stated - Currituck 463
26. Dispense with stated - Spencer 543
27. Other Place Railroad - Spencer 543
28. Other Place - Ionic 583
29. Other Places - Lodge of the Nine Sisters UD
30. Other Place - Ionic 583
31. Elect JW - Knights of Solomon 768
32. Stated Communications - Knights of Solomon 768
33. Elect SW - Conover 709
34. Other Place - Ionic 583
35. Dispense with stated - J. J. Crowder 743

36. Other Place - Corinthian 542
37. Dispense with stated - Blackmer 127
38. Elect Treasurer - Allen-Graham 695
39. Other Place WhiteStone - Bula 409
40. Dispense with stated - Walnut Cove 629
41. Outdoor - King Solomon 138
42. Other Place - Andrew Jackson 576
43. Stated Communications - Wilkerson College 760
44. Dispense with stated - Wilkerson College 760
45. Stated Communications - Knights of Solomon 764
46. Dispense with stated - Harmony 340
47. Other Place - Kernersville 669
48. Other Place - Mosaic 762
49. Outdoor - William Pitt 734
50. Dispense with stated - Newport 706
51. Dispense with stated/Other Place - Lux Libertas 772
52. Other Place - Lux Libertas 772
53. Other Place - Piedmont Pioneer 685
54. Other Place - Piedmont Pioneer 685
55. Other Place - Ayden 498
56. Other Place - Fellowship 687
57. Elect SD - Bailey 411
58. Other Place - Sonoma 472
59. Dispense with stated - Berne 724
60. Other Place - Denton 404
61. Other Place - Lebanon 391
62. Other Place - Wilkerson College 760
63. Dispense with stated - Grifton 243
64. Other Place - Temple 676
65. Other Place - Lodge of the Nine Sisters UD
66. Elect JW - P. P. Turner 746
67. Other Place - Knights of Solomon UD
68. Other Place - Veritas 769
69. Dispense with stated - Veritas 769
70. Dispense with stated - Zion 81
71. Dispense with stated - Wilkerson College 760
72. Outdoor - Casar 579
73. Other Place - Knights of Solomon UD
74. Stated Communications - Knights of Solomon UD
75. Other Place Battleship - St. John's 1
76. Grand Lodge - Lynch Lodge
77. Other Place - Lux Libertas 772
78. Other Place - Wilkerson College 760
79. Other Place - Ionic 593
80. Other Place - Friendship 763

81. Other Place - Knights of Solomon 760
82. Outdoor Camp Gray Rock - Cranberry 598
83. Outdoor Battlefield - Lillington 302
84. Other Place - Charity 5
85. Other Places - Laurinburg 305
86. Dispense with stated - Berne 724
87. Dispense with stated - Shallotte 727
88. Elect Secretary - P. P. Turner 746

Dispensations for Physical Disability

When petitioners disclose physical defects or disabilities which may prevent them from conforming to the requirements of our three degrees, Reg. 66-2 requires the Grand Master's approval before lodges can accept their petitions. I received eighteen such petitions. In each case the District Deputy Grand Master met with or contacted the petitioner, investigated his circumstances and recommended approval. I reviewed the DDGMs' recommendations, spoke with DDGMs in some cases, and approved these petitions with the notation "Approved for disability only." Once approved by the Grand Master, the petition should be treated like every other petition. It is the responsibility of the lodges to follow the normal process of interviewing and investigating these petitioners before balloting.

Board of General Purposes

The Board of General Purposes met in Raleigh on March 2 and May 18, in Winston-Salem Sept. 27 and in Hickory Nov. 30.

The board assists the Grand Master by providing oversight and management of Grand Lodge enterprises, activities and programs. A strong board made up of intelligent and independent thinkers is the Grand Master's best source of advice, good counsel, expertise and wisdom. Its duties are enumerated in Chapter 28 of our Code.

Boards are meaningful only when there is diversity of experience and thought around the table, and when the members are able and willing to do their homework, question assumptions, speak their minds, hold staff accountable, demand excellence and vote their consciences. With these qualities in mind I appointed WBs Bill Faison of Hillsborough and Mike Register of Asheboro to terms ending in 2020, and WB Ben Wallace of Troy to an unexpired term ending in 2019. These outstanding men and Masons qualify on all counts, and I'm proud to have appointed them to the board. They bring intelligent perspectives to the work of the board and keep the good of Masonry at the forefront of every decision they make.

Montfort Medals

The Joseph Montfort Medal is the highest honor a Grand Master may bestow for distinguished service or achievement. Our Code allows each Grand Master to present three Montfort Medals to Master Masons in good standing. The medal memorializes Joseph Montfort (1724 – 1776), a soldier, patriot, Freemason and Provincial Grand Master of and for America.

On April 12, 2018, within sight of Montfort's grave and in Montfort's home lodge, Royal White Hart #2 in Halifax, I presented the Montfort Medal to Past Grand Master Gene Cobb. MWB Cobb, a Halifax native and past master of Royal White Hart, has served Blue Lodge, Scottish Rite, York Rite and Shrine Masonry with freedom, fervency and zeal. His term as Grand Master in 2017 was marked by a relentless emphasis on our duty to support our charities. He conceived and launched the Lion and Pillar Lodge of Excellence program, which was inspired by the leadership his fellow Haligonian, PGM William R. Davie. The Lion and Pillar award has benefitted a number of lodges and raised the sights of brethren across the state. PGM Cobb helped start two lodges,

MESH Lodge #771 and Lux Libertas Lodge #772, and he is also past master of Blackmer Lodge #127, where he was initiated, passed and raised. He is a 33rd degree Scottish Rite Mason, personal representative in the Greensboro Valley, past presiding officer in the Greensboro York Rite bodies, a KYCH and a Sudan Shriner. We were energized by his constant admonition of "Let's go to work" and I will always be grateful for his mentorship and wise counsel.

I presented Montfort Medals to WB Gary Handy and WB Jim Medlin on Sept. 28, 2018 at the annual communication.

Gary Handy has a servant's heart. He is absolutely dedicated to serving the Craft and his brethren, wherever and whenever he sees a need, and does so with grace and humor. During an awards night presentation at Walnut Cove Lodge #629, his home lodge, I mentioned Gary's commitment to Masonry and pointed to where I had seen him in the audience. The seat was empty. A brother needed something that Gary had at home, and he left the lodge to go get it. As chairman of our annual communication he is instrumental to its smooth functioning, adept at managing numerous event details and the volunteer staff, and flexible and creative when the inevitable curve balls are thrown. I cannot convey the extent to which Gary Handy pours his heart and soul into service. He is quietly and superbly effective at everything he does. He is a past master of Walnut Cove and Wilkerson College lodges, JW in Lux Libertas Lodge, Marshal in Sophia Lodge, past member of the BGP, past DDGM, member of the Grand Lodge Finance Committee, a 33rd degree Scottish Rite Mason and secretary of the Greensboro Valley, a KYCH in the York Rite, Secretary of the York Rite College and an Oasis Shriner.

Jim Medlin is one of the most passionate, positive and hard-working Masons I know. He was a pioneer in building support and securing resources for our homes and our Foundation as the Grand Lodge's first development officer. Fund raising can be thankless work. It involves detailed research and planning, extensive travel, long days, patience, a great deal of interpersonal contact, and being told no more often than yes, but Jim has always been positive because he loves the cause he is advancing. He is generous in sharing his fund-raising experience with each year's Wilkerson College class. As chairman of the Grand Lodge Committee on Subordinate Lodge Special Activities he reviews all lodge fund-raising proposals. Rather than merely rejecting proposals that don't conform to the rules, he often helps lodges find a way to get a yes, and he consults with lodges that need fund-raising help. His workload is astounding and his dedication keeps lodges and the Grand Lodge within due bounds of the law and IRS regulations. Jim is a 33rd degree Scottish Rite Mason in the Valley of Asheville, an Oasis Shriner, a member of the York Rite and a National Sojourner. He served in the US Air Force and is a Vietnam veteran.

District Deputy Grand Masters and District Deputy Grand Lecturers

Grand Lodges and Grand Masters cannot function without knowledgeable and engaged DDGMs and DDGLs. These men are on the front lines of service to lodges and individual brethren and I'm indebted to them for dedication and commitment. They maintain high standards ensure that we are operating according to the Code.

The DDGMS and DDGLs met with me Nov. 3 and 4 at WhiteStone to review and refine plans for 2018. After a joint session, the DDGMs and DDGLs met separately. On the DDGM side, I wish to thank WB Rob Morrell for his leadership in helping plan and execute the program, WB Chris Hall for presenting case studies and success stories from the districts, and WBs Charles Barrett, Jon Canupp and Mike Kenlan for sharing their insights with the group.

This year, the DDGMs and I communicated via videoconferences on Feb. 14 and Aug. 15. These conferences allowed me to provide up-to-date information for DDGMs to share in their districts, and enabled the district officers to discuss successes, concerns and activities in their regions.

Honorary Title of Past District Deputy Grand Master

I recommended that the 2018 annual communication grant the honorary title of Past District Deputy Grand Master to the brethren who were eligible in accordance of Reg. 12-5 of the Code:

Ronald T. Parrish	Belhaven Lodge No. 509	3
W. Dennis Campbell	Crown Point Lodge No. 708	6
Jimmie Bohannon	Royal White Hart Lodge No. 2	8
Todd H. Dyches	Holly Springs Lodge No. 115	15
Mike Kenlan	Mosaic Lodge No. 762	19
Terry E. Byrd	Lillington Lodge No. 302	20
Alvin Billings	Bula Lodge No. 409	22
Don Bulla	Biscoe Lodge No. 437	24
Jon A. Canupp	Clemmons Lodge No. 755	26
M. Derry Simspson	Meadow Branch Lodge No. 578	29
Randy Sharpe	Catawba Lodge No. 248	34
Kenny Warlick	Casar Lodge No. 579	35
Dewey Webb	Forest City Lodge No. 381	38
Jack Barnett	Nichols-W. Asheville Lodge No. 650	39

Emergent Communications of the Grand Lodge

An emergent communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina was held at Eagle Lodge #19 in Hillsborough on Dec. 1, 2017, for the purpose of installing Grand Lodge officers.

An emergent communication of the Grand Lodge was held at Hominy Lodge #491 in Candler on June 3, 2018, for the purpose of dedicating a cornerstone at Hominy Baptist Church. The cornerstone graces an addition to the church that was made possible by WB Jack and Sister Carolyn Ferguson, whose philanthropy has enriched the lives of many in their region. We attended an inspirational Sunday service at Hominy Baptist for the church's graduating seniors, led by Rev. Joe Yelton, before dedicating the cornerstone. Special thanks to Rev. Yelton, MWB Bryant Webster, PGM Berry and Roseanna Rigdon, JW Chris Miller, DDGM Jack Barnett, DDGL Gus Sims, Dee Blake and the brethren of Hominy Lodge for working together to honor the Fergusons.

The officers of Eagle Lodge #19 opened an emergent communication of the Grand Lodge on Oct. 6, 2018, at the Lynch Lodge in Burlington for the purpose of Masonic education. This is not a chartered lodge, but we counted 57 Masons in attendance. On several Saturday mornings a year, Bro. Steve Lynch opens his "lodge" building, where he coaches candidates amid his collection of artifacts related to Masonry, George Washington, the military and law enforcement. Masons, prospective Masons and family members fill his porch, back yard and lodge building, and Steve and his wife Betsy provide the biscuits, juice and coffee. They make sure that everybody is greeted and makes new friends. We joke that the Lynch Lodge is clandestine. In reality, Steve is North Carolina's foremost Masonic host, goodwill ambassador and promoter of brotherly love and fellowship. I never fail to leave the Lynch Lodge thinking that I've experienced one of the real secrets of Masonry, and my purpose in holding this emergent communication was to celebrate his commitment to Masonry and the rare and wonderful sense of fellowship he creates. Every grand jurisdiction needs a Steve Lynch and a Lynch Lodge, but there's no one else in the world like our Bro. Steve.

Lodge Charters and Lodges Under Dispensation

On July 7, we granted a dispensation to Knights of Solomon UD at Waynesville Lodge #259. This will be the fourth Knights of Solomon lodge to form since 2010, joining

#764 in Charlotte, #766 in Jacksonville and #768 in Holly Springs. Members of the Knights of Solomon lodges are united by a love of motorcycling and a desire to support Masonic and community charities.

On Sept. 28, the Grand Lodge approved the issuance of a duplicate charter for St. John's Lodge #1 in Wilmington. The original charter, issued Jan. 2, 1794, and signed by Grand Master William R. Davie, had become illegible. I signed the duplicate charter as Grand Master – humbled to have my name nearby PGM Davie's – and delivered it to St. John's Dec. 11, shortly after my term ended.

I was honored to present a charter to the Lodge of the Nine Sisters #773 in Raleigh on Oct. 5. This is North Carolina's third traditional observance lodge to form since 2013, following Sophia #767 in Salisbury and Veritas #769 in Asheville. Members of traditional or observant lodges are motivated by a seriousness of purpose, an emphasis on excellence in ritual and a desire to promote learning and intellectual growth in Masonry. At this writing, planning is underway for a fourth traditional observance lodge to be located in Catawba County.

Summonses and Summary Trials

This year I issued Masonic summonses to eight brethren.

One was summoned to discuss issues of concern relating to the management of his lodge. The brother appeared as required by the summons and after we had an opportunity to discuss the issues, the matter was successfully resolved. No Masonic charges were filed in that case.

Six bothers were summoned to discuss perceived un-Masonic conduct via social media. Four of these brethren appeared. I had a very productive discussion with each of these brothers. In three of the matters, the issues were successfully resolved and no Masonic charges were filed. With regard to a brother who made death threats against another brother, we had a full and frank discussion of his conduct. He agreed that his conduct was un-Masonic and a violation of the obligation he took as a Master Mason. He agreed that his conduct warranted expulsion, and the penalty of expulsion was entered.

Two of the six brothers who received Masonic summonses failed to appear, despite being given two chances. As a result of the failure of these brothers to obey a Masonic summons, the Judge Advocate issued a complaint for un-Masonic conduct. Each of the brothers was served with a complaint. Thereafter, each of these two brothers failed to appear before the Trial Commission. Before hearing evidence, the Trial Commissioners waited more than two hours for these brothers to appear. After hearing the evidence, the Trial Commission found each of the brothers guilty of un-Masonic Conduct. The CODE proscribes that the penalty for failure to answer a Masonic summons is expulsion, and that punishment was entered.

Delegates to the 2018 Grand Lodge upheld the three expulsions.

In November I received reports of un-Masonic and sophomoric behavior by the chairman of an investigating committee during the committee's meeting with a petitioner. I summoned the brother to appear before me at the Grand Lodge office. Following this meeting I directed the master of his lodge to:

1. Read my letter of reprimand aloud in lodge at its next stated communication;
2. Re-obligate the brother on the Master Mason degree at the lodge altar at the next stated communication;
3. Bar the brother from investigating committees for the remainder of 2018 and all of 2019;
4. Choose members of investigating committees with care and admonish them that they are representing Masonry when they meet with a candidate and they are to act as such.

I also directed the brother to present a Masonic education program on investigating

committees to his lodge, and to use the Grand Lodge Guidelines for Lodge Investigating Committees, available on the website, as his guide.

The Conference of Grand Masters of North America

In February, I participated in the Conference of Grand Masters of North America meetings in Indianapolis, IN. Our delegation included DGM Mack Sigmon, SGW Shaun Bradshaw, JGW David Wicker and GS Walt Clapp. Our topics included databases, lodge finances, millennial apprentices, Masonic renewal, member retention, temple associations and youth organizations. Immediately after the conference adjourned I attended a meeting of Grand Masters Chapter #996 of the National Sojourners.

The Northeast Conference of Grand Masters

In July, I participated in the Northeast Conference of Grand Masters, Deputy Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries in Warwick, RI, accompanied by DGM Mack Sigmon, SGW Shaun Bradshaw, JGW David Wicker, and PGM and Grand Treasurer Lew Ledford. This conference is an opportunity to network with Masonic leaders in our region, learn how other grand jurisdictions address issues that concern us and share ideas for better ways to serve the Craft. Every year I've brought ideas back home for us to try. At this conference I learned about Grand View, a Masonic membership database and Mori competitor that appears to be a good option for us to pursue; a program that helps struggling lodges; an amnesty program for members dropped for NPD; and a survey that identified issues of concern to newly-raised Masons.

The World Conference of Regular Masonic Grand Lodges

In November, the Grand Secretary and I represented our Grand Lodge at the World Conference of Regular Masonic Grand Lodges in Panama. We were joined by GT and PGM Lew Ledford and PGMs Gene Jernigan and Bryant Webster. Our host, MWGM Roberto Cueto Cisneros of Panama, stated that the aim of the conference was to discuss topics that will continue to be relevant to our order and to humanity as we progress through Freemasonry's fourth century. If we can unite as a world fraternity, he said, we can help achieve positive changes. Conference topics included the roles of Freemasonry and individual Masons in society, the Masonic way toward the internal transformation of the individual, the attitude of Masons in the face of human rights violations, and Masonic action against inequity. The point was made that Freemasonry, which constitutes the world's only moral system of education that is free of religion and politics, has a responsibility to promote liberty of conscience, faith and intellect. Ninety-one grand lodges were represented at the conference.

The Masonic Home for Children at Oxford

I encourage you to read the report of the administrator of the Masonic Home for Children at Oxford, and the report of the Grand Lodge committee on the Home, found elsewhere in this book. Our wonderful Home was founded as an asylum for orphans who lost their parents or were separated from their families as a result of the Civil War. It has nurtured more than 10,000 children in its nearly 150 years of existence. This is a stunning statement of the Home's impact on the life of our state. It has done so with the generous support of North Carolina Masons and by adapting to changes over time. We as Masons are justifiably proud of the Home's legacy, but we must realize that it's our turn to step up and support the Home in all of its worthy endeavors, and help it continue to adapt, before we turn it over to the next generation of Masons. The Home needs your financial support as well as your presence and your advocacy. If you haven't visited the Home, why not?

WhiteStone, the Masonic and Eastern Star Home

I encourage you to read the report of the administrator of WhiteStone, and the report of the Grand Lodge committee on WhiteStone, for the most up to date information on our 107-year-old home for senior Masons and Stars. When you visit WhiteStone you'll find a beautiful and comfortable home, operated by a friendly and knowledgeable

staff and managed by professionals. Masons who have been in the Craft a decade or more understand that WhiteStone is a success story almost beyond belief. Our gifts to WhiteStone and the MESH LLC help house and provide services to deserving fraternal residents, and support outreach services allowing brothers and sisters stay in their homes. I encourage you to visit, tour the facilities and see for yourself how Masons in North Carolina are helping brothers and sisters live their golden years in dignity and comfort. If you haven't visited WhiteStone, why not?

The North Carolina Masonic Foundation

A report from the North Carolina Masonic Foundation is found elsewhere in this volume, but I wish to add my observations. The Foundation was created in 1929, months before the market crash that wiped out fortunes and destroyed lives, and it has withstood depression and recession thanks to generous Masonic support and wise leadership over the past 70 years. The Foundation is a bulwark. It has stood beside and behind our homes and has made it possible for them to thrive. The Foundation also holds and manages funds for the Charles Cathey Scholarship, which helps bright young North Carolinians pursue higher education, and the Hinton James Masonic Scholarship for UNC students, endowed by Lux Libertas Lodge #772. Under the leadership of Chairman Mike Faulkenbury and board members, the Foundation stepped up its efforts to encourage all of us to provide philanthropic support for the programs we hold dear. It's also offering new services to lodges, such as professional fund management and opportunities for lodges in historic buildings to receive support for renovations and restoration. For us as individuals, the Foundation provides opportunities for planned giving that allow us to support Masonic charities and provide income to us and our beneficiaries, thereby creating our legacies while providing for our families. I made my planned gift and I'm happy to report that in 2018, every Grand Lodge line officer committed to making a planned gift. I hope you'll give every year to both homes and our Foundation and consider how you can create your own Masonic charitable legacy with the Foundation's help.

The Scottish Rite

This year I've been unable to participate in my Greensboro Scottish Rite Valley as much as I would like. On Dec. 13, I attended the Valley's Ring Ceremony and dinner and made brief remarks. On June 13, the Valley held its Feast of the Consistory and a table lodge in my honor. I appreciated the presence of PGMs Cobb, Webster, Ledford and Jernigan, and PGM/SGIG Brunk, as well as several members of the Grand Lodge line. I attended a stated meeting on May 9. On March 23, I dropped by the Valley of New Bern's spring reunion, and on June 8, I enjoyed fellowship with brethren playing in the Valley of Winston-Salem's golf tournament. On April 5-6 SGIG Brunk and I attended the Dr. G. Wesley Allen Council of Deliberation meetings in Cary. I appreciated the warm welcome and generous hospitality provided by North Carolina Deputy for the Orient and SGIG James H. Upchurch and the brethren in attendance. On Aug. 24, I attended and addressed the Scottish Rite Orient of North Carolina Summer Meeting at the Winston-Salem Masonic Center.

The York Rite

On March 19, I addressed the York Rite Grand Conclave in Greensboro. On July 8-10, I attended the 81st annual Great Smokies Assembly of York Rite Masons in Maggie Valley, where I delivered the keynote address. I enjoyed the address delivered by MWB Michael D. Smith of South Carolina at the Masonic Marker near the Blue Ridge Parkway and the address by RW Oscar Alleyne. I also attended a York Rite College degree in Waynesville July 7. Every North Carolina York Rite Mason should experience the Summer Assembly, which attracts brethren from all over the country. On June 6, accompanied by former Grand Commander Pete Cook, I attended a meeting of the Greensboro York Rite bodies and was honored to receive a certificate of lifetime membership presented by Chris Wright, Illustrious Master.

The Shrine

I'm proud to be a North Carolina Mason and Shriner. The Shrine's philanthropy and service through Shriners Hospitals is unparalleled, and Masonry would profit by adopting the Shrine's approach to involving spouses and families. In January, I attended the installations of our three Shrine potentates and their divans: John Burgess of Oasis in Charlotte on Jan. 6; Bob Downen of Amran in Raleigh on Jan. 24; and Teeny Jones of Sudan in New Bern on Jan. 27. I attended the Imperial Shrine sessions in Daytona Beach, FL, in July. Our JGS and Past Potentate of Sudan Shrine, Steve Norris, was president of the South Atlantic Shrine Association (SASA) this year, and I participated in SASA's meetings in New Bern in March. The SASA meeting scheduled for Myrtle Beach Sept. 21-22 was cancelled on account of Hurricane Florence.

Oasis Shrine held a black-tie ceremonial in my honor Aug. 25 at the Winston-Salem Shrine Club. It was an evening of fellowship that I'll never forget, highlighted by the lesson of the apron and the fez presented to the new Nobles. I thank Illustrious Sir John Burgess, the Divan and Nobles of Oasis Shrine, for this honor and for their fellowship and support all year.

I'm grateful to our Shrine temples and potentates for their hospitality at every event I attended, for their friendship, and for their dedication to Masonry and Shrinedom.

National Sojourners and Heroes of '76

On Feb. 5, at Semper Fidelis Lodge #680 in Jacksonville, I was honored to be installed as an honorary member of National Sojourners. WB Ron Sortino, who at the time was national president of Sojourners, participated in the ceremony. I returned to Semper Fi on Aug. 4 for initiation into the Heroes of '76, an affiliate and auxiliary organization of the Sojourners. Susan accompanied me and was made a Camp Follower. The Heroes degree was inspiring, patriotic and memorable, and I'm grateful for the confidence of the members who sponsored and initiated me into this outstanding organization. The Heroes of '76 participated in the opening ceremonies of the 2018 Annual Communication.

The North Carolina College of SRICF

My membership in the North Carolina College of Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis (SRICF), made possible by the sponsorship of our late Grand Historian Michael Brantley, provides Masonic light and fellowship with brethren from across the state. I attended the SRICF dinner in Raleigh Jan. 12 and degrees in Monroe June 22.

The Order of the Eastern Star

I appreciated the invitation from the Grand Chapter of North Carolina Order of the Eastern Star to address delegates at its opening in Durham on June 11, and I enjoyed seeing many good friends there.

DeMolay

On Jan. 13, I attended DeMolay initiations and a DeMolay degree held at my home Lodge, Eagle #19 in Hillsborough. I found the young men to be impressive and the ritual to be beautiful and meaningful. Delegates to the 2018 annual communication saw the DeMolay Ceremony of Light performed by State Master Councilor Quentin Surace. This public ceremony summarizes DeMolay's teachings and offers an explanation of the seven candles surrounding the altar in a DeMolay Chapter. Quentin suggested that the ceremony would have a greater impact on our delegates than remarks from the stage, and I agreed. I encourage every Mason to reach out to DeMolay, learn more about this outstanding organization and support its growth in our grand jurisdiction.

Rainbow

The Grand Assembly of North Carolina International Order of the Rainbow for Girls invited me to its meeting June 25 in Raleigh, where I was received and made remarks. Worthy Grand Adviser Summer Clifford attended the open section of our

annual communication, updated us on Rainbow's activities and shared plans for the Supreme Session of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, which North Carolina is hosting in 2024. This will be the 50th biennial stated communication for Grand Assemblies from around the world and the NC Grand Assembly needs our help to make it happen. My home lodge has hosted Hillsborough Assembly #77 for decades, and we are proud of their successes. Lodges that do not host Assemblies would profit by doing so.

The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of North Carolina

This year, this Grand Lodge and the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina held our annual communications simultaneously, interrupting our tradition of attending each other's annual meetings. I was honored, as Grand Master-elect, to attend the Prince Hall 2017 annual communication with MW Gene Cobb. November marked the 10th anniversary of mutual recognition between our Grand Lodges, a relationship that has been rewarding and enlightening for North Carolina Masons.

Masonic Education

North Carolina's Masonic education programs are the envy of the nation. I expounded on this in my column in the July-August 2018 issue of *The North Carolina Mason*. Anyone seeking to learn and improve himself in Masonry has the tools at his fingertips, thanks to the dedication and labor of many, many brethren. Our progress over the last decade has been breathtaking. Spend some time on the Grand Lodge website, under the Education Resources tab, and look at Wilkerson College, the Davie Academy, the Middle Chamber, the Speakers Bureau and other offerings.

Three Masons in particular have led our educational renaissance: WB Ben Wallace, past chairman of the Committee on Masonic Education; WB Tony Rathbone, the current chairman; and PGM Doug Caudle, whose inspiration and perspiration helped launch the Davie Academy, and who ensured that the Academy would offer outstanding programs in each region of the state. MWB Caudle turned the Davie Academy reins over to WB Rob Morrell in 2018. I'm grateful to MWB Caudle for all that he has done to spread light and I know WB Morrell well enough to know that the Academy will grow and offer even greater service to our Craft in the years ahead.

Wilkerson College

On April 28, I had the honor of addressing 38 graduates of Wilkerson College at their commencement ceremony in Raleigh. The 2018 class was named for WB Morty Jayson, a friend and a fine man and Mason who was instrumental in Wilkerson College's creation and development. WB Morty was a past master of Cary Lodge #198 and Wilkerson College Lodge #760. He left us, much too soon, in October. On Aug. 17, I participated in the meeting of the College's Board of Regents in Greensboro.

The Lion and Pillar Lodge of Excellence Award

The Lion and Pillar Lodge of Excellence award was launched in 2017 by MW Gene Cobb. I'm grateful for his assistance in running this outstanding program for a second year. Lodges qualified for the award by meeting requirements in five categories: Education, Patriotism, Philanthropy, Masonic Membership and Affiliated Connections. The program works. An officer from a lodge that had been struggling told me that achieving the Lion and Pillar requirements revitalized his lodge. In 2018, 34 lodges qualified for the distinction, with eight first-time winners (denoted below by asterisks) and 26 second-timers. I was delighted to present certificates to the winners on Friday afternoon at the annual communication. Congratulations to the 2018 Lion and Pillar Lodges of Excellence.

Eagle 19
Jerusalem 95
Columbus 102

Zion 81
Fulton 99
Mt. Lebanon 117 *

Oxford 122	Mingo 206
William G. Hill 218	Kenly 257
Bingham 272	Pleasant Hill 304
Wilmington 319	Granite 322 *
Campbell 374 *	State Line 375
Jefferson Penn 384	Bald Creek 397
Bula 409 *	Elkin 454 *
Thomas M. Holt 492	Pilot 493
Mooresville 496 *	Mount Holly 544 *
Andrew Jackson 576	Cannon Memorial 626
Semper Fidelis 680	Piedmont-Pioneer 685 *
Albemarle 703	Berne 724
Steele Creek 737	Mosaic 762
Ashlar 765	Lux Libertas 772

* denotes first-time recipient

The Lynch Lodge

I attended the famed Lynch Lodge in Burlington twice this year: On Feb. 3 with 65 Masons and friends present, and again on Oct. 6, when we opened an emergent communication of the Grand Lodge on the premises.

Necrology

This year our Grand Lodge lost two giants: PGM Charles Edward Cathey of Canton (April 19, 1938 – March 3, 2018) and Grand Historian Michael Wiley Brantley of Raleigh (Aug. 11, 1938 – Aug. 15, 2018). North Carolina Masonry lost an internationally prominent leader in David Lee Hargett of Monroe (June 23, 1939 – July 26, 2018).

We are grateful for the service of these prominent brethren, and we cherish our memories of every brother within our circle who has traveled to that undiscovered country.

Hurricane Florence and Disaster Relief

Hurricane Florence made landfall at Wrightsville Beach Sept. 14. Rainfall of more than 30 inches, a record-breaking storm surge of 9 to 13 feet and winds gusting to 106 miles per hour caused an estimated \$17 billion in damage in North Carolina, more than the damage from hurricanes Floyd and Matthew combined. Flooding and wind damage were pervasive, and 43 deaths in our state are attributed directly and indirectly to Florence. The amount of human suffering and property losses is unimaginable.

On Sept. 14, MWB Simon LaPlace of the Masonic Service Association of North America opened a fund for NC disaster relief immediately upon my request. As the storm raked our coastline and moved inland I received messages of support and offers of assistance from the Grand Masters of South Carolina, Virginia and Ohio, and the Imperial Potentate of the Shrine. Each of these Masonic leaders encouraged his members to contribute to the MSANA fund, and ultimately gifts to MSANA totaled \$275,000. The Grand Lodge of Texas contributed \$100,000 directly to our Grand Lodge for relief. The Grand Lodge of Wisconsin provided gift cards for use in the hardest-hit areas. Our Grand Lodge and the NC Masonic Foundation contributed \$25,000 each for disaster relief.

On Sept. 19, I appointed a committee to review applications for assistance and distribute relief funds to individuals and lodges. Chaired by PGM and Grand Treasurer Lewis Ledford, the committee included WB Donald Hufham; 18th District DDGM William McRae; 7th District DDGM Bobby Meadows; 4th District DDGM Rob Morrell;

Bro. Greg Salmon; and WB Johnny Surles, chairman of the Grand Lodge Charity Committee. In the Grand Lodge office, Vicki Lam managed the accounting and Hayley Moll handled correspondence and distribution of relief checks.

On Sept. 22, WB Surles issued an urgent appeal for Masons attending the Annual Communication to bring relief supplies and cleanup tools for use in the affected areas. Our brethren answered the call and dropped off their donations at the designated collection point in the Embassy Suites lobby. Johnny and WB Bobby Meadows collected enough supplies to fill a 12-foot trailer, and the inside and bed of Johnny's truck, with an estimated value of \$4,000.

Five-gallon buckets were placed at the entry to the Grand Pavilion for cash donations. We also passed the buckets through the crowd on Saturday morning. These collections totaled \$4,658.81.

At this writing, a total of \$474,095.11 has been received for hurricane relief, and we have paid out \$394,263.57 to victims.

Three entities in Florence's bullseye – St. John's Lodge #1 in Wilmington, Semper Fidelis Lodge #680 in Jacksonville and Sudan Shrine in New Bern – appear on the donor list. They gave even as they were in danger of losing everything.

Disasters bring out the best in humanity, and more especially among Masons. I'm grateful to every donor of money, materials and time who helped bring relief to our fellow Tar Heels.

Masons Can

This marked the third year of our Masons Can food drive, conceived by MW Bryant Webster for the 2016 Annual Communication and continued by MW Gene Cobb and myself. Our point man for the drive is Bro. Bob Blair of West Bend Lodge #434. Bob collects the food and cash donations that brethren bring to the Annual Communication and coordinates with the Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest NC for pickup and distribution. I appreciate his dedication and great work on our behalf.

In 2018, Masons donated 1,644 pounds of food and \$2,510 in cash. In 2017, Masons gave 2,333 pounds of food and \$3,043. In 2016, we collected 7,000 pounds of food and \$6,221.

The Food Bank tells us that every dollar contributed helps it obtain and deliver an average of seven meals. I hope our Grand Lodge will continue this partnership.

Gun Raffle Directive

In 2017 GM Cobb appointed an ad hoc committee to study the issue of gun raffles in our Craft. WB Howard Kahn chaired the committee. Members were WBs Jim Medlin (chair of the Committee on Subordinate Lodge Special Activities), Currie Pendleton, Graham Pervier (PGM), Tom Redmon, Robert Rideout (JGS) and Dee Blake from the NC Masonic Foundation.

On Feb. 20, after consulting with the ad hoc committee, I issued a directive on gun raffles. I was happy to discuss the directive with every brother who approached me with concerns, and I heard from an equal if not greater number who expressed their support.

The committee thoroughly reviewed the topic, consulted brethren from all over the state, and provided expert as well as common sense gun raffle recommendations to the Commission on Special Activities. The commission successfully implemented those recommendations. It has assisted a number of lodges with their raffles and it stands ready to help any lodge looking for guidance on the issue.

Many thanks to WB Kahn and the ad hoc committee, and WB to Medlin and members of the commission, for their diligence and leadership on this issue.

The directive was my most controversial, and I would add most misunderstood, action this year. A number of brethren who contacted me with concerns, or who spoke out in opposition to the directive, had not read it.

To give every brother an opportunity to read and make up his own mind about the directive, I'm putting three key documents on the record: My Feb. 20 directive, the March 4 report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Gun Raffles, and my April 6 response to the committee report.

Background:

On Nov. 14, 2017, following a mass shooting at the First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs, TX, GM Cobb appointed the ad hoc committee to study the issue of gun raffles in our Craft.

On Feb. 14, the day after the committee's final meeting, a mass shooting occurred at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, FL. I consulted with committee members, determined that we were aligned in our thinking, and felt strongly that I needed to act before the committee could issue its report.

To the Masters, Wardens, Secretaries, DDGMs and Members of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina:

The Grand Lodge task force on gun raffles met recently and is preparing its report, which I expect to receive in the next few weeks. When I receive its report I will consider its recommendations and act accordingly.

In the meantime, as Grand Master it is my duty to act for the good of Masonry and do my best to ensure that our gentle Craft is held in the highest public esteem. I'm concerned that when we seek public support for our charities by raffling military-style weapons such as the AR-15, in the aftermath of shootings inextricably linked in the public mind with these weapons, we invite a public judgment of guilt by association. Images of the gun are invariably juxtaposed with scenes of carnage and grief. Masons and Masonic lodges are focused on brotherly love, relief and truth. That should be our constant role and image in the community.

Several lodge-sponsored gun raffles are currently underway. I trust that our brethren in charge of these raffles will understand that Masonry benefits when we take a reasonable and common-sense approach to how we present ourselves to the public. Masons should exemplify the gold standard of citizenship and strive to always do the right thing at the right time.

As a precedent, consider the action of the Mecklenburg County sheriff, who in the wake of the Florida school shootings canceled a gun raffle benefitting his re-election bid and gave refunds to ticket buyers. The sheriff is a Mason.

Therefore, it is my directive that Masons and Masonic lodges currently engaged in raffles of military-style weapons will remove images of AR-15s and similar military-style weapons from any and all raffle promotional materials yet to be circulated or distributed in public.

It is my further directive to eliminate AR-15s and similar military-style weapons from all future raffles. This applies to any raffle that has not received approval from the Commission on Subordinate Lodge Special Activities as of this date. I am directing the Commission to enforce this directive and consult with me should there be any question about my intent or how best to enforce this directive.

Given under my hand and seal this 20th day of February, CE 2018; AL 6018.

Speed Hallman

Grand Master

The March 4 committee report:

Grand Lodge of Ancient Free & Accepted Masons of North Carolina

Ad Hoc Committee on Gun Raffles

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master:

Most Worshipful Hallman, as Chairman of this Ad Hoc Committee on Gun Raffles I am proposing for your consideration the following recommendations from our committee's findings. These recommendations are presented here after careful and diligent research and study of the gun raffles held in our jurisdiction. We have heard and received comments and concerns from all quarters of the state and concurrently factored these many thoughts and apprehensions into our recommendations.

Please feel free to contact me or any member of the committee if you have any questions or concerns.

It has been an honor Sir.

Respectfully submitted on this date March 4, 2018

Howard Kahn, Chairman

Recommendations:

1. Introduction

In the past few years, gun raffles have raised significant sums for our charities -approximately \$246,000 in 2017 alone. However, concerns have been raised about the appropriateness of using gun raffle proceeds for our charities, and, in particular, about including "AR type" (military assault) rifles in Masonic raffles. AR type rifles are fully legal and used by many responsible gun owners for target shooting, "plinking", hunting and home defense. However, they have also been the type of firearm used in almost all of the horrific mass shooting incidents in the recent days/months/years.

2. Raffle Results

As of February 18, 2018, 206 Lodges participated in fund raisers in 2017 and generated \$953,098 in Net Proceeds for our charities and lodge building funds:

Masonic Home for Children	\$392,024
Whitestone	185,216
NC Masonic Foundation	98,594
Other charities chosen by lodges	102,796
Lodge building funds	\$174,469
Gun raffles generated more Net Proceeds than any other type of fund raiser:	
Gun raffles (50)	\$ 245,989
Other raffles (37)	91,622
Golf tournaments (20)	137,024
Breakfasts (19)	38,093
BBQ (41)	108,400
Dinners, chicken, fish (46)	133,611
Other, auctions, etc. (75)	198,360

Upon research of other Grand Lodges, Gun raffles seem to be commonplace in many other jurisdictions.

3. Properly run gun raffles are not a way for a prohibited person to obtain a firearm.

Gun raffles winners must take possession of their firearm from a gun shop or sporting goods store that has a Federal Firearms License (FFL). The winner must be cleared with a National Instant Criminal Background Check System check (for a rifle or shotgun) or have a Pistol Permit from a NC Sheriff (for a handgun). A NC Concealed Carry permit can substitute for the NCIS check or Pistol Permit.

4. About AR type Rifles.

The AR type rifle was originally designed for military use in the late 1950's. (AR

actually stands for Armalite, the company that first designed this type of rifle). The military version of the AR is a true "assault rifle". Assault rifles are equipped with a "select fire" feature. The rifle can be set to fire in semi-automatic mode; in three-shot bursts, or; fully automatic. Sale and possession of fully automatic weapons are very tightly regulated by the BATF.

There are between 5 million and 10 million AR type rifles in civilian ownership in the United States. These are semiautomatic rifles, not fully automatic assault rifles. Semiautomatic rifles, pistols and shotguns have been around since the early 20th century. A semiautomatic firearm is ready to fire again after each shot has been fired. It is not necessary to manipulate a bolt, lever action, pump action or hammer to prepare for the next shot.

Nevertheless, semiautomatic AR type rifles can be fired very quickly and they are usually equipped with high capacity magazines (30 rounds or more). (The so-called "Clinton gun ban", 1994-2004, did not ban semiautomatic firearms. It prohibited guns with two or more features that were "too similar" to military weapons. High capacity magazines were also banned).

5. Task Force Findings.

Individual members have heard a variety of opinions for and against gun raffles, and; for and against including AR type rifles in gun raffles.

Informal communications with our charities indicate that they would prefer to leave this matter with the Grand Lodge.

A rough consensus seems to be that gun raffles are fine, but that AR type rifles should not be included in our raffles.

We simply must distance the Craft and our charities from the horror of these mass shootings...with apologies to those who own and enjoy this type of firearm legally and responsibly.

6. Recommendations.

Do not include AR type firearms or other military type firearms in Masonic gun raffles.

Winners should receive a gift card in the amount of the firearm that he/she has won. The winner may use the gift card for that firearm, or apply the amount to the purchase of another gun (which could be a type-change if the winner so chooses).

Best practices: The best practice is the use of a Master/Visa gift card, which could be converted to anything anywhere. The second best practice is to raffle gift cards to firearm shops and allow images of the firearms (with the exception of the above mentioned weapons). The, third best practice and last would be to directly raffle previously purchased weapons that are held by a FFD, these dealers will comply with all state and federal law (with the above mentioned firearms excluded). Including a gift card to a firearms shop of sufficient amount should allow the winner to be able to purchase their weapon of choice.

Further, and final thoughts: the committee would like to emphasize that all fund raising activities should be in addition to the individual members' donations to our Masonic Charities. Our members should support our Masonic charities with their own personal contributions, to the best of their abilities, and not over rely on the contributions of others through fund raising events.

My April 6 response:

Dear Brethren,

I have received the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Gun Raffles (also referred to as the Task Force on Gun Raffles), and I wish to thank the committee members for their work:

Howard Kahn, PM, chairman	Semper Fidelis #680
Dee Blake	NC Masonic Foundation, MESH #379 OES
Jim Medlin, PM	Fairview #339
Currie Pendleton, PM	Andrew Jackson #576
Graham Pervier, PGM	Forsyth #707
Tom Redmond, PM	Snow #363
Robert Rideout, PM	White Stone #155

The committee was formed by then-Grand Master Gene Cobb on Nov. 14, 2017, for the purpose of:

Finding ways to better educate the Craft regarding firearms;

Interacting with our Masonic charities in ways that promote our principles, rather than political or religious positions or persuasions related to guns or raffles;

Thoughtfully studying the full breadth and scope of the issue toward being able to have healthy and effective conversation that reflects the gentle nature of our Craft rather than anything that could possibly be perceived as hostile;

And engaging in productive discussions on moral, legal, and Masonic implications of the issue toward whatever can provide best work and most agreement.

The committee held meetings and conducted additional work through phone and email. Each member of the committee heard from brethren who wished to share their opinions about the issue at hand. The last committee meeting was held in February, at which time the members agreed on the details of the report and began to draft and assemble sections of the report via email. Their final report was due by July 1.

The Parkland shootings occurred the day after the committee's last meeting. I consulted with committee members and decided to act before the committee submitted its report, and I issued a directive on Feb. 20. I indicated that I would consider the recommendations of the committee upon receiving its report and act accordingly. Thereafter, the committee submitted its report for my consideration.

The committee makes two recommendations, advises on best practices for raffles and offers its thoughts on lodge fundraising and our individual responsibility to support our charities. I accept and endorse the committee's report.

After listening to and talking with Masons who agree with, and disagree with, the directive, and reviewing the committee report, I will add these observations to the record:

Some members have commented that my directive constitutes an abuse of the Grand Master's authority. That is not the case. I urge anyone with this concern to review Chapter 13 of the Code.

Some members feel the directive injects politics into Masonry. Nothing could be further from the truth. My action, and the actions of the committee, are motivated by a heartfelt concern over the image and reputation of Masonry in our communities.

Some members feel their Constitutional rights are being infringed. There is no Constitutional issue here. No one's right to lawfully own a gun is affected.

To those who feel that an effective fundraising tool has been taken away, I reiterate that gun raffles may continue. Only certain types of guns are prohibited. Furthermore, the use of gift cards, as recommended by the committee, allows raffle winners to buy whatever guns they want so long as they meet the legal requirements.

The committee report cites a dollar amount raised for our charities in 2017 through gun raffles. This is for all gun raffles. Our data doesn't distinguish between proceeds for the military-style weapons covered by my directive and proceeds from other types of guns raffled by lodges. Furthermore, I am convinced that neither my directive nor the committee's recommendations will reduce the amount of funds raised by gun raffles.

North Carolina Masons helped form the most innovative system of government in the world, launched the first state university and built the first continuing care retirement community in the state. If we are to grow and develop as a fraternity and overcome the challenges we face, we must channel our energy into advancing the Craft and finding better ways to operate. We must work together to achieve better results from everything we do, including supporting our charities, and we must preserve our reputation unsullied.

I call your attention to the committee's final point: Masonic fund raising should complement our personal philanthropic support for our charities. As the report says, "Our members should support our Masonic charities with their own personal contributions, to the best of their abilities, and not over rely on the contributions of others through fund raising events."

I am grateful to the members of the committee for their diligence, wisdom and service. Every Mason on the committee has firearms affinity and experience, through military service, law enforcement work or sporting and hobbyist activities. The one non-Mason, a member of the Eastern Star, is a fundraising professional charged with increasing philanthropic support for our charities. We could not have assembled a finer or more experienced group for this task.

In his charge to the committee, Grand Master Cobb said, "To even enter into a discussion or debate about these matters could be divisive because emotions and beliefs have become so polarized. May this not be so among us."

Unfortunately, his concern was well founded.

Reasonable men, whether or not they are Masons, should be able to debate ideas without lowering themselves to the use of insults, derogatory labels and threats. Masons are sworn to higher standards of conduct, especially when interacting with one another. Unfortunately, that has not been the case with regard to this issue. We will certainly disagree at times, but we must always live by our obligations. Masons meet on the level, act by the plumb and part on the square. When we do not, do we deserve to call ourselves Masons?

Speed Hallman

Conclusion

With these materials on the record you have the full story. I also wish to add:

The term "military style" raised questions and caused confusion. My goal was to define modern assault-type weapons, such as the AR-15, that were designed for military use but produced for the civilian market. To ensure that the spirit of the directive could be enforced, I directed the Commission on Subordinate Lodge Special Activities to enforce the directive and consult with me should there be any questions about definitions or intent. It should be clear to anyone who reads the directive that raffling an AR-15 is prohibited and raffling a musket is not.

I believe that reasonable people can discuss ideas without sinking to the use of insults or applying derogatory labels. As Masons, we are obligated to interact with one another at a higher level. I ask every brother to remember and live by our obligations.

Order #2

On Nov. 29, after hearing that a proposed Code amendment was ruled out of order on account of a misunderstanding, I issued Order #2, pursuant to Reg. 13-1 and 13-2.12 of the Code:

It has been brought to my attention that a proposed amendment to the Code was ruled out of order by the Code Commission this year because the Commission did not have access to the full amendment proposal as presented by the author of the amendment. I believe that any Mason or any lodge submitting an amendment for the

Craft's consideration should have an opportunity to be present or to be represented when such amendments are being discussed by the Code Commission and the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

Therefore, it is my order that whenever the Code Commission and the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence schedule a meeting or conference call to discuss or consider a proposed amendment, the Commission and Committee shall notify the propounder of the amendment (the lodge or brother within the lodge, or current or past Grand Lodge Officer) of the meeting or conference call and provide an opportunity to speak to the Commission and Committee about the proposed amendment, which shall at least include the opportunity to present and discuss the proposed amendment.

Given under my hand and seal this the 29th day of November, 2018.

Initiatives in 2018 and the Definition of Insanity

My mantra this year has been that we will not keep doing things the same way, just because that's the way we've always done them. I've enjoyed quoting the old bromide that says, "The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting different results." We looked critically at everything we do in the Grand Lodge and innovated everywhere we could.

At the Nov. 9 meeting of the MHCO Board of directors, I charged the home's staff to hold the board accountable for supporting the home financially and opening doors to others who can provide support. I charged the board to hold the staff accountable for providing a warm and caring place within a challenging budget environment. And I charged the staff and the board to hold the Grand Lodge's feet to the fire for providing information and resources needed to do the job. This applies to everything we do. We will thrive when we demand the very best effort of ourselves and those around us and work together in a spirit of true cooperation and collaboration.

One of the benefits of attending the Northeast, North American and World Masonic conferences and visiting other Grand Lodges is the certainty of encountering new ideas that can be adapted to benefit North Carolina Masonry. One example is accepting applications for committee appointments, an idea I borrowed from the Grand Lodge of Michigan.

Grand Lodge Committee Appointments

The Deputy Grand Master is charged with making appointments to Grand Lodge boards and committees in anticipation of his election as Grand Master. There are more than 100 positions to be filled. Grand officers typically have seven years in the progressive line before serving as Deputy Grand Master. During their travels they meet Masons around the state and make depth charts, as one Past Grand Master said, for these appointments. I had six years in line before the year as deputy and had my own depth chart, but I knew that there were many worthy and well-qualified Masons I had not had the opportunity to meet. Last year I borrowed an idea from Michigan and implemented an application process for slots on 10 Grand Lodge committees and boards: Charters and Dispensations, Education, Jurisprudence, Library, Masonic Home for Children at Oxford, Miscellaneous Ceremonies, Public Relations, Publications, Youth Organizations and WhiteStone.

The application process was announced June 6 with a deadline of July 1. We received 43 applications (from 42 Masons, one of whom applied for slots on two committees). Seventeen submitted their resumes, which was optional.

The Committee on Education was the most popular choice, with 12 applications for three slots. Jurisprudence had 9 applications for four slots. The remaining committees had one to four applications for each.

From this applicant pool, 22 were assigned to committees, with 15 assigned to the committee of their first choice. I was delighted to discover new talent in every area of the state and give those Masons an opportunity to serve the fraternity.

Strong and active committees are crucial to our success as a Grand Lodge. This year I revised the committee appointment letter and directed chairmen to call their committees together and begin work immediately, and provide their reports in a timely manner.

Budget Transparency

I've thought for a long time that our budget reporting should be clearer and more complete, and that the budgeting process should be more transparent. I wanted Masons to see the budget, comment and ask questions well before we present it for approval at the Annual Communication. This year I asked WB Kevin Combs, chairman of the Finance Committee, to hold an open committee meeting and work session on the proposed 2019 budget. The Aug. 3 meeting, at the Grand Lodge building in Raleigh, attracted 30 Masons. Kevin went through the budget line by line and answered all questions. The Masons in attendance gained a better understanding of Grand Lodge finances, and Finance Committee members and Grand Lodge officers heard comments and concerns first-hand that contributed to the final budget presentation in September. I appreciate the dedication of all who took time away from work and traveled great distances to engage in this work: individual Masons, Finance Committee members and Grand Lodge officers.

For brethren who could not attend the meeting in Raleigh, we presented the budget and answered questions during webinars held Sept. 11 (with 25 participants registered) and Sept. 12 (with 15 registered).

The success of the budget webinars inspired Grand Secretary Walt Clapp to hold a webinar on Sept. 19 to discuss the proposed Code amendments. Eighteen Masons participated. The Grand Secretary described each of the proposed amendments and answered questions. In some cases the proposers of amendments were on the line to respond to questions.

I hope open meetings and webinars will become a tradition, and that future Grand Masters will find new ways to keep lines of communication open with the Craft.

At my direction, the budget document presented in the open meeting, during webinars and the annual communication provided more information than previous budgets, with additional details added to line items and figures for actual expenditures from the previous year.

I also directed the Finance Committee to develop a policy for reimbursements of Grand Lodge officer and committee member travel expenses. The Code provides direction for some, but not all, such expenses. Enacting a uniform policy is fiscally responsible and a sound business practice. Officers and committee members will benefit by knowing the rules before they accept their positions. The Board of General Purposes approved the policy at its Nov. 30 meeting.

I commend WB Combs and the committee members for their outstanding work on the budget and reimbursement policy, and WB Combs for his thorough and informative budget presentation at the annual communication.

Masonic Renewal Committee

In 2017, Grand Master Cobb convened an ad hoc Membership Committee to research and report on membership trends, provide initial analysis as to how these trends have impacted the entire fraternity (including appendant bodies), ensure that we will continue to explore and address these matters, and provide recommendations for the future. In 2018 I renamed the group the Masonic Renewal Committee, and its focus was on analyzing membership data, an effort led by SGW Shaun Bradshaw.

This analysis revealed that we are shedding twice as many new Masons within their first two years, by demit or NPD, than we did 20 years ago. Of the Masons raised in 1995, 2.7 percent quit by 1997. Of the Masons raised in 2015, 6.1 percent quit by 2017. Rather than guess at or assume we know the reasons, Grand Lodge officers called

and interviewed a random sample of these men. Their results were published in the 2018 Reports book. The committee, led in 2018 by JGS Steve Norris, is continuing its important work.

Grand Lodge Transition Planning Committee

Grand Secretary Walt Clapp is presently the longest-serving grand secretary in the United States. We benefit from and appreciate his experience and institutional knowledge, and we know that he will retire in the near future.

In the spirit of not doing things the way we've always done them because we've always done them that way, I formed the Ad Hoc Grand Lodge Transition Planning Committee and asked MWB Bryant Webster to serve as chairman. This committee is helping to ensure that our Grand Lodge will respond to the retirement of our Grand Secretary quickly with the benefit of thoughtful advance preparation. It was charged to evaluate the current Grand Lodge management structure, examine other grand lodge administrative structures, and make recommendations for a transition process to be enacted upon the Grand Secretary's notification of his retirement.

The committee, still at work as of this writing, is considering the fraternity's current and future needs, incorporating membership and financial trends and forecasts in its deliberations, and considering best management and business practices for a non-profit, membership-based organization of our type and size.

Recommendations may include proposed amendments to the Code that are needed to effect any desired changes for the future. The report and its recommendations are not to be considered binding upon the Grand Master at the time of transition. My intention was that the Grand Lodge leadership will be prepared to implement, if necessary, a new operational model that's appropriate for the smooth and efficient functioning of our Grand Lodge, at the time the transition occurs and into the future.

Membership Services Committee

We've seen a substantial increase in members exiting Masonry by NPD. Meanwhile, our system for issuing dues notices and collecting member payments has changed very little since the time of our grandfathers.

As a member of six lodges, I see a variety of dues notices. One lodge sends a friendly and informative letter with its notice, detailing lodge events and accomplishments during the year and inviting me to renew my membership. The message is that my continuing support is important. Another lodge sends only a return envelope with amount payable written on it. One is a friendly request. One is a bill. Which lodge is doing more to reduce its NPDs?

There will always be some who are determined to exit Masonry via NPD, but common sense tells me that many will pay their dues if they are contacted appropriately and encouraged to remain in the Craft, and if they are invited, not billed.

The appendant bodies may offer a model for us. I receive dues notices from them in the form of warm, positive and attractively designed letters or flyers. They also provide the opportunity for members to pay dues and update contact information online. Outdated address information exacerbates the NPD situation, and we need new and convenient ways for members to update their records.

To examine these issues, recommend new ways to communicate with members at dues time and make it easier for them to pay, I appointed an Ad Hoc Committee on Membership Services, chaired by WB Bill Faison and consisting of current and former lodge secretaries. Their recommendations will be based on an analysis of the costs versus the benefits of implementing a new system and a determination whether such a system benefits lodges and members.

The committee was charged to consult with other grand jurisdictions to determine if best practices in other states can be adopted for our benefit. It was also encouraged to offer other ideas and examples for how lodges can reduce NPDs and improve member

services and retention.

While we will benefit from improved communications and processes at dues time, note well that the best ways to reduce NPDs are to keep brethren engaged, stay in touch with them and hold meetings that make them want to come to lodge.

I also asked the committee to find more convenient ways for us to pay dues. Monthly bank and credit card drafts are commonplace for bill payments. Why can't we pay monthly, and automatically? As a member of multiple lodges, I'd appreciate the option to pay monthly. Of course, members will always have the option to stand in line to pay at the secretary's desk or mail their checks at dues time.

I added an additional charge for the committee after attending the Northeast Conference of Grand Masters in July, where I saw officers from another grand jurisdiction accessing their membership database, provided by one of Mori's competitors, on their phones. After looking at this system and seeing innovative features and a user-friendly format not offered by Mori, I scheduled a demonstration of the competing system for the committee, Grand Lodge officers and office staff for Nov. 8, 2018. I also asked the committee chairman, WB Bill Faison, to review any contracts and all business arrangements with Mori to determine if we were receiving the best possible service at a fair price.

My concerns were that after 11 years with Mori we were not receiving the best service at the best price, and the product had not kept pace with technological innovations and user needs. After seeing the other product, I believed that our familiarity with Mori had led to complacency. Given that the review process started late in the year, the committee and the 2019 Grand Lodge officers are continuing their evaluations and a resolution is expected before this annual communication. This decision will be based on costs, benefits, ease of use and convenience for our members.

The Craft will benefit, financially as well as operationally, if we seek competitive proposals and bids for services at least every five years, negotiate contracts in a businesslike manner, maintain businesslike relationships with vendors, and vigilantly keep watch over vendors to ensure that we have the best and most up to date service at the lowest possible cost.

I thank WB Bill Faison and the members of the committee for the hours they have invested in this important work.

Committee Coordination

I charged four committees – the Committee on Masonic Education, the Board of Publications, the Public Relations Committee and the Committee on Masonic Ceremonies – to confer, discuss their priorities for the year and work together to achieve their goals. In previous years these committees, whose interests and missions overlap, have worked in isolation, but the Craft would benefit if they collaborate on strategies and share resources. The result has been impressive, with the production of an updated *More Light in Masonry* brochure for Entered Apprentices and development of an interactive new member packet. My thanks to the committee chairs and members for embracing this concept and working so well together.

Grand Lodge Communications

NC Mason Editor Beth Grace and photographer Melody McBride brought to fruition an idea I've wanted to pursue for years. They asked lodges to send photos of their Letter Gs, and they visited lodges and shot photos themselves. The result is a beautiful and award-winning 16 x 20 poster printed by the School of Graphic Arts in Oxford and featuring 70 Gs from across the state. The tagline is "The Letter G: A Force for Good in North Carolina." The poster, published in March, comes with a key that identifies each G by lodge. It sells for \$30, and proceeds benefit historic lodge preservation in North Carolina.

The same creative team published a book in August, "Sacred Retreats: A Tour

of Historic Lodges of North Carolina Freemasonry.” Featuring McBride’s beautiful photographs, the book showcases cherished lodge buildings and lodge rooms across the state. It also features essays and quotations from North Carolina Masons who share thoughts about their lodges and their Masonry.

The poster, the book and The North Carolina Mason won national awards for excellence this year.

In October the Board of Publications, under the leadership of Bro. Kenneth Lambert, launched The Buzz, an email newsletter sent between issues of the NC Mason. The Buzz is invaluable for sharing timely news and showcasing information that doesn’t fit in the Mason’s limited space, such as photos of service awards, updates from the districts and news from appendant bodies. Bro. Dwight Decoskey created and edits The Buzz. If you aren’t receiving it, contact your lodge secretary to make sure the Grand Lodge has your correct email address.

Grand Lodge publications and communications have shown vast improvement in recent years. Congratulations to Beth Grace, Melody McBride and the Board of Publications for their innovative spirits and their excellent work.

The Statewide Traveling Degree Gavel

We introduced the Statewide Traveling Degree Gavel Jan. 29 at the 16th District meeting at Granite Lodge #191 in Clayton. The gavel promoted fellowship across the state and encouraged brethren to attend degrees in other lodges. A lodge-room full of brethren from a wide area makes the degree even more special for the candidate and it has the potential effect of aiding the host lodge with degree work. A journal accompanied the gavel to chronicle its stops and record the names of candidates.

WB Brother Gregg Phillips, PM of Eagle Lodge, made the gavel from a floor joist removed from the lodge during renovations in 2004, the year I was master. The wood is from a North Carolina oak that was fully grown before the American Revolution. The joist supported the dining room floor for 181 years, during which time the room served as a community meeting hall, a venue for concerts and lectures, and the site of countless Masonic functions. WB Phillips produced a classic Masonic gavel and made a traveling case out of cherry and black walnut from the Bladen County home place of his wife, Carolyn. I returned the gavel to Eagle Lodge at the end of my term.

The gavel was in circulation from Jan. 29 through Nov. 27 and was used, by my count, for the initiation of 20 Entered Apprentices, the passing of 10 Fellowcrafts and raising of 26 Master Masons, and was used in stated communications for lodges not hosting degrees. In one instance, it was used in lodge’s degree practice for a degree held elsewhere. The gavel came into contact with 39 lodges, a Shrine temple and Shrine club. It was used in a quarry degree, a battleship degree, a railroad degree, a degree at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria, Va., and the Grand Lodge annual communication. Through the good offices of DDGM Alvin Billings, it visited every lodge in the 22nd District. I was delighted to wield it in the conferring of five Master Mason degrees, and RW SGW Shaun Bradshaw employed it during his son’s Master Mason degree. It was used by our oldest lodge and our newest lodge. The gavel visited or was associated with the following lodges:

Lodge

St. John’s 1

Caswell Brotherhood 11

Eagle 19

Statesville 27

Kilwinning 64

Greensboro 76

Blackmer 127

Degrees

MM MM MM

FC FC FC FC

MM MM

EA EA EA FC

FC MM

MM

Dan River 129	
Leaksville 136	
Granite 191	
William G. Hill 218	MM
Kenly 257	MM
Bingham 272	
Green Level 277	
Eureka 283	
Jefferson Penn 384	MM MM
University 408	
Bula 409	EA
Stokesdale 428	MM
Thomas M. Holt 492	EA MM
Mooreville 496	MM EA EA
Lucama 527	
Stony Point 593	FC
St Patrick's 617	EA
Cannon Memorial 626	MM MM EA MM MM
Yadkin Falls 637	EA EA FC
Kernersville 669	MM
Creasy Proctor 679	EA EA EA EA
Mt. Moriah 690	EA
Allen Graham 695	MM MM
Albemarle 703	MM MM EA EA EA
Forsyth 707	
Wilson 712	MM
Cabarrus 720	
James B. Green 735	MM
Steele Creek 737	FC FC
Mosaic 762	EA
State College 770	MM
Nine Sisters 773	
The Grand Lodge of North Carolina Annual Communication	

The North Carolina Masonic Calendar

The North Carolina Masonic Calendar debuted on our Grand Lodge website under the News and Calendar of Events tab. The calendar features Grand Lodge, Blue Lodge, Scottish Rite, York Rite, Shrine, Eastern Star and youth organization events. The calendar helps all of us know about events around the state and can help us avoid conflicts. Please ensure that your organization's events are on the calendar.

2017-2018 schedule

During the year I logged 36,040 highway miles and spent 93 nights away from home. My happiest moments were when I was getting behind the wheel to participate in a Masonic event. One of the best days was Sept. 8, when I conferred a third degree in Concord at the bottom of a quarry and drove to Wilmington for a third degree on the battleship. My philosophy was to accept the invitation for every Masonic event I could attend, and I deeply regretted having to cancel several trips on account of health issues.

Dec. 2	Chapel Hill	Grand Lodge installation at the Carolina Inn
Dec. 4	Chapel Hill	MM degree, University 408
Dec. 5	Mt. Gilead	Stated communication, Blackmer 127
Dec. 6	Wadesboro	Finance Committee conference call
Dec. 8-10	Washington, DC	Grand Lodge of DC
Dec. 11	Oxford	Officer installation, Oxford 122
Dec. 12	Hillsborough	Stated communication, Eagle 19
Dec. 13	Greensboro	Scottish Rite dinner and 14° ring ceremony
Dec. 14	Oxford	MHCO Christmas party and dinner
Dec. 15	Asheville	District 39 masters and wardens meeting
Dec. 16	Kernersville	Installed officers, presented 50-year award at Kernersville 669
Dec. 17	Graham	Installed officers, Thomas M. Holt 492
Dec. 26	Hillsborough	Stated communication, Eagle 19, delivered Masonic education
Dec. 28	Wadesboro	Attended Masonic funeral
Dec. 30	Raleigh	Installed officers, James B. Green 735
Jan. 5	Statesville	Donated at Masonic blood drive
	Mebane	Funeral home visitation
Jan. 6	Wadesboro	Installed officers, Kilwinning 64
	Charlotte	Oasis Shrine installation
Jan. 7	Albemarle	Installed officers, Albemarle 703
Jan. 8	Greenville	Installed officers, Greenville 284, Jerusalem 95, Grifton 243, Ayden 498, Farmville 517, Bethel 589, Crown Point 708 and William Pitt 734
Jan. 9	Raleigh	NC Masonic Foundation meeting
	Marshville	Stated communication, Beaver Dam 276
Jan. 11	Wadesboro	MHCO Executive Committee conference call
	Wadesboro	Stated communication, Kilwinning 64
Jan. 12	Raleigh	Board of Custodians, Masonic Renewal Committee, NC College of SRICF dinner
Jan. 13	Hillsborough	DeMolay initiation and degree, Eagle 19
	Durham	Installed officers, Mosaic 762
Jan. 16	Hillsborough	Meeting to discuss MHCO Ambassador program
	Asheboro	Stated communication, Balfour 188
Jan. 19-21	Hendersonville	Grand Lodge officer retreat
Jan. 24	Raleigh	Work at Grand Lodge, Amran Shrine installation
Jan. 26-28	New Bern	Sudan Shrine ceremonial and installation
Jan. 29	Raleigh	Meeting with Raleigh Temple board
	Clayton	16th District meeting, Granite 191
Jan. 30	Greenville	6th District meeting, Crown Point 708
Jan. 31	Trenton	60-year award presentation, Zion 81
	Jacksonville	4th District meeting, Lafayette 83
Feb. 1	Hillsborough	Stated communication, Lux Libertas 772 at Eagle 19
Feb. 2	Burlington	Funeral home visitation

	Charlotte	Screening of film 33 & Beyond
Feb. 3	Burlington	Lynch Lodge
Feb. 5	Jacksonville	National Sojourners installation, Semper Fidelis 680
Feb. 8	Raleigh	Finance Committee meeting
	Oxford	MHCO board dinner
Feb. 9	Oxford	MHCO board meeting
	Greensboro	Grand Lodge officer meeting, WhiteStone board dinner
Feb. 10	Greensboro	WhiteStone board meeting
Feb. 12	Raleigh	Meeting with Foundation staff, meeting with Prince Hall representatives to discuss mutual recognition 10th anniversary celebration
Feb. 14	Wadesboro	DDGM conference call
Feb. 17-21	Indianapolis, IN	Conference of Grand Masters of North America, Grand Masters Chapter 996 of National Sojourners meeting
Feb. 22	Roanoke Rapids	Stated communication, Widow's Son 519
Feb. 24	Yanceyville	FC degree, Caswell Brotherhood 11
Feb. 27	Raleigh	Summary trial, Grand Lodge
	Salemburg	11th District meeting, Coharie 379
Feb. 28	Shallotte	12th District meeting, Shallotte 727
March 1	Raleigh	14th District meeting, Millbrook 97
March 2	Raleigh	Board of General Purposes meeting
March 5	Asheboro	24th District meeting, Balfour 188
March 6	Madison	22nd District meeting, Dan River 129
March 7	Pittsboro	20th District Meeting, Columbus 102
March 13	Lund, Sweden	Dinner and stated communication, Frimurareföreningen (Freemason Society) Lodge EOS, delivered address, Challenges in Contemporary Freemasonry in the US.
March 14	London, England	Quarterly Communication of the United Grand Lodge of England
March 19	Greensboro	Addressed NC York Rite Grand Conclave
March 20	Maxton	18th District meeting, Maxton 417
March 21	Pikeville	10th District meeting, Harmony 340
March 22	Cove City	Visited Ionic 583 to see building damage
	New Bern	South Atlantic Shrine Association (SASA) dinner
March 23	New Bern	SASA meetings
		Visited New Bern Valley Scottish Rite reunion
March 24	New Bern	
	Spoke at SASA banquet	
March 26	Charlotte	32nd District meeting, Phalanx 31
March 27	Greensboro	23rd District meeting, Revolution 552
March 30	Rockingham	Lunch with OES WGP, visited Rockingham 495 blood drive
April 2	Boone	33rd District meeting, Snow 363
April 3	Elk Park	37th District meeting, Cranberry 598

April 4	Harmony	30th District meeting, Harmony 299
April 5-6	Cary	Visited and addressed Dr. G. Wesley Allen Council of Deliberation
April 7	Mt. Gilead	Dedication of renovated lodge room at Blackmer 127, presented service awards
April 10	Manteo	2nd District meeting, Manteo 521
April 11	Edenton	1st District meeting and award presentations, Unanimity 7
April 12	Halifax	PGM Gene Cobb portrait unveiling and Montfort medal presentation, Royal White Hart 2
	Enfield	8th District meeting hosted by Enfield 447, presented service awards
April 14	Oxford	MHCO Great Landscaping Day, emergent Communication of Andrew Jackson 576
April 17	Wingate	Presented Masonic education at Meadow Branch 578
April 19	Chapel Hill	Mosaic 762 Open House at UNC
April 21	Stokesdale	Attended MM degree at Stokesdale 428
	Spencer	Conferred MM Railroad Degree at NC Transportation Museum for Spencer 543
April 23	Concord	8th District meeting, Stokes 32
April 24	Marshville	29th District meeting, Beaver Dam 276
April 25	Gastonia	70-year award presentation in brother's home 36th District meeting and service award presentations, Gastonia 369
April 28	Hillsborough	Spring barbecue, Eagle 19
	Raleigh	Wilkerson College commencement address
April 30	Asheville	VA Hospital visit 39th District meeting at Veritas 769
May 1	Bryson City	40th District meeting, Oconee 427
May 2	Hendersonville	38th District meeting at Kedron 387, presented 60-year CL certificate
May 3	Hickory	34th District meeting at Hickory 343
May 6-8	New York, NY	Grand Lodge of New York
May 9	Winston-Salem	Annual Communication planning meeting with hotel Stated communication, Greensboro Scottish Rite
May 10	Oxford	MHCO Financial Development Committee meeting and board dinner
May 11	Oxford	MHCO board meeting
	Greensboro	Grand Lodge officer meeting, WhiteStone board dinner
May 12	Greensboro	WhiteStone board meeting and family day, MESH 771 stated communication, 50-year award presentation
	Walnut Cove	Walnut Cove 629 past masters and ladies night, presented service and 50-year CL awards
May 14	Franklinville	Hanks 128 stated communication and fish fry, presented service awards

May 15	Raleigh	Meeting at Grand Lodge
	Hillsborough	19th District meeting, Eagle 19
May 17	Wilmington	Foundation event
May 18	Raleigh	Board of General Purposes,
		Carolina Pig Jig with Grand Swine team
May 19	Raleigh	Carolina Pig Jig with Grand Swine
May 20	Oxford	MHCO baccalaureate service,
		awards ceremony and luncheon
May 21	Raleigh	Meeting at Grand Lodge
	Rockingham	Stated communication, Rockingham 495,
		honored DDGL Frank Wanko
May 28	Thomasville	Memorial Day parade with Thomasville 214
May 29	Raleigh	Summary trials at Grand Lodge
June 1	Benson	Tractor pull at GALOT with MHCO group
June 2	Asheville	Foundation dinner meeting
June 3	Candler	Grand Lodge opened at Hominy 491,
		Cornerstone dedication at Hominy Baptist Church
June 4	Clemmons	Bikes for books giveaway with
		Clemmons 755 and West Bend 434
June 5	Fayetteville	EA degree, Creasy Proctor 679
June 7	Hillsborough	Degree practice, Eagle 19
June 8	Winston-Salem	Scottish Rite golf tournament
June 9	Wadesboro	FC degree at Kilwinning 64
June 10	Statesville	30th District St John's Day service,
		Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church
June 11	Raleigh	Work at Grand Lodge, addressed OES Grand Chapter
June 12	Hillsborough	Conferred MM degree at Eagle 19
June 13	Greensboro	Scottish Rite Consistory Feast and Table Lodge
June 16	Kernersville	Conferred MM degree at Kernersville 669
June 19	Kannapolis	Presented Masonic education at Cannon Memorial 626
June 21	Hamlet	MHCO gospel benefit concert sponsored by Hamlet 532
June 22	Monroe	SRICF meeting and degrees
June 24	Wingate	Meadow Branch 578 St. John's Day dinner
June 25	Raleigh	Work at Grand Lodge, meeting with Foundation staff,
		addressed Rainbow Annual Assembly
June 26	Pilot Mountain	Attended MM degree at Pilot 493
June 27	Salisbury	Stated communication, Sophia 767
June 29	Denton	Southeast Old Thresher's Reunion tractor parade and
		MHCO benefit, emergent communication
		of Denton 404, presented awards
June 30	Thomasville	MM degree at Thomasville 214
	Greensboro	Wilkerson College Symposium
July 5	Graham	Thomas M. Holt 492 past masters and ladies night,
		presented award
July 7	Waynesville	Presented dispensation for Knights of Solomon Lodge UD,

		York Rite College meeting, Waynesville 259
July 8-10	Maggie Valley	York Rite Summer Assembly, delivered keynote address
July 10	Asheville	Emergent communication of Sonoma 472 at Asheville VA Hospital
July 12	Wadesboro	Stated communication, Kilwinning 64
July 14-19	Daytona Beach FL	Imperial Shrine
July 20-22	Alexandria VA	NC weekend at George Washington Masonic National Memorial, conferred MM degree for Lodge of the Nine Sisters UD and laid wreath at Washington's tomb at Mount Vernon
July 24	Hillsborough	Annual Steak for Jake dinner in honor of WB Jake Jacobs, stated communication at Eagle 19
July 25	Salisbury	VA Hospital visit
July 27-28	Warwick RI	Northeast Masonic Conference
Aug. 1	Gastonia	Meeting with members of Gastonia 369 and King Solomon 704 about proposed merger and building sale
Aug. 2	Hillsborough	Stated communication, Lux Libertas 772 at Eagle 19
Aug. 3	Raleigh	Open meeting of Grand Lodge Finance committee
Aug. 4	Jacksonville	Heroes of '76 initiation at Semper Fidelis 680, addressed Davie Academy class at Lafayette 83
Aug. 6	Andrews	Toured Andrews 529
	Ranger	Stated communication, Cherokee 146
Aug. 7	Highlands	Toured Blue Ridge 435
	Ranger	Stated communication at Montgomery 426, presented awards
Aug. 9	Goldsboro	Centennial celebration at Goldsboro 634, presented 62-yr CL certificate and 60-yr service award, MHCO Finance Committee conference call
Aug. 10	Oxford	MHCO board meeting
	Greensboro	WhiteStone Resident Council meeting, Grand Lodge officer meeting, WhiteStone board dinner
Aug. 11	Greensboro	WhiteStone board meeting
	Monroe	Attended Masonic funeral
	Charlotte	Awards night at Steele Creek 737, presented service awards
Aug. 14	Marshville	Stated communication, Beaver Dam 276
Aug. 15	Wadesboro	DDGM conference call
Aug. 16	Charlotte	Stated communication at Temple 676, visited Bro. Walter Klein
Aug. 17	Greensboro	Wilkerson College Regents meeting
Aug. 18	Salisbury	Emergent communication, Sophia 767
Aug. 22	Raleigh	Amran Shrine meeting
Aug. 24	Winston-Salem	Summer meeting, Scottish Rite Orient of NC
Aug. 25	Raleigh	WB Michael Brantley memorial service
	Winston-Salem	Oasis Black Tie Ceremonial

Aug. 27	Burlington	Awards night at Bula 409
Aug. 28	Raleigh	Meeting at Grand Lodge
	Wendell	Stated communication, Wendell 565, honored 60-year member
Aug. 29	Wadesboro	Attended Castle Island Virtual Lodge meeting
Sept. 2	China Grove	Quarry Degree practice, Eureka 283
Sept. 4	Cary	Stated communication, Green Level 277
Sept 5	Winston-Salem	Stated communication, Forsyth 707, presented Masonic education
Sept 8	Concord	Conferred MM degree for Cannon Memorial 626 at 28th District Quarry Degree
	Wilmington	Attended St John's Lodge 1 Battleship Degree aboard the USS North Carolina
Sept 11	Wadesboro	Finance Committee webinar
Sept. 12	Wadesboro	Finance Committee webinar
Sept 13-16	Alexandria VA	Quatuor Coronati Lodge 2076 American Conference, Freemasons in the Transatlantic World, at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial
Sept. 18	Mt Gilead	Stated communication, Blackmer 127
Sept. 19	Wadesboro	Grand Secretary's webinar on Code amendments
Sept. 20	Wadesboro	Conference call with Foundation staff
Sept. 21	Wadesboro	WhiteStone Finance Committee conference call
Sept. 25-29	Winston-Salem	231st Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina
Oct. 4	Concord	Foundation event
Oct. 5	Burlington	Fish fry at Burlington Shrine Club
	Raleigh	Meeting at Grand Lodge
	Raleigh	Consecrated Lodge of the Nine Sisters 773 at Millbrook 97
Oct. 6	Burlington	Opened the Grand Lodge of NC at the Lynch Lodge
	Wadesboro	MM degree, Kilwinning 64
	Greensboro	Attended 100th birthday party for Past Potentate Sticky Burch at Revolution 552
Oct. 9	Raleigh	Foundation meeting
Oct. 10	Asheville	Spoke at Norburn Hyatt Day Dinner sponsored by the 39th Masonic District and the Scottish Rite Valley of Asheville at Nichols West Asheville 650
Oct. 12	Chapel Hill	Opened Lux Libertas 772 on the UNC campus and attended University Day convocation
	Oxford	Shrine-Grand Lodge officer dinner, Granville County Shrine Club
Oct. 13	Oxford	Emergent communication of Andrew Jackson 576, MHCO homecoming, dedicated cornerstone for MHCO pool
Oct. 26	Charlotte	Charlotte Valley Scottish Rite Reunion at Phalanx 31
Oct. 30	Asheville	Meeting with Foundation prospects
	High Point	York Rite College meeting

Oct. 31	Rockingham	Albert Pike Scottish Rite Club meeting
Nov. 1	Hillsborough	Meeting with Foundation staff, installed Lux Libertas 772 officers at Eagle 19
Nov. 2	Raleigh	Work at Grand Lodge
Nov. 3	Jacksonville	Masons United Veterans Day parade and Empty chair degree at Semper Fidelis 680
Nov. 7	Concord	Visited brother in nursing home
Nov. 8	Raleigh	Grand View membership database demonstration at Grand Lodge
	Oxford	MHCO Financial Development Committee meeting and board dinner
Nov. 9	Oxford	MHCO Board meeting
	Greensboro	WhiteStone Resident Council meeting, Grand Lodge officer meeting, WhiteStone board dinner
Nov. 10	Greensboro	WhiteStone board meeting, Lux Libertas 772 football viewing party with WhiteStone residents
Nov. 12-18	Panama City, Panama	World Conference of Grand Masters
Nov. 21	Oxford	Thanksgiving luncheon at MHCO
	Wadesboro	WhiteStone LLC managers conference call Membership Service Committee videoconference
Nov. 24	Nashville	PM and ladies night dinner at Morning Star 85, presented 60-year award
Nov. 26	Albemarle	PM and awards night at Albemarle 703
Nov. 27	Raleigh	Summary trial at Grand Lodge
	Hillsborough	GM portrait dedication, Eagle 19
Nov. 28	Salisbury	EA degree, Sophia 767
Nov 30-Dec 1	Hickory	Grand Lodge installation

Acknowledgements

When you see a turtle on the fencepost, you know it didn't get there by itself. That goes for lodge officers and Grand Lodge officers. Each of us has been lifted and inspired by others.

Thank you, Susan, Jason and Thomas, for your love, support, good counsel and patience from Aug. 10, 1999 to the present and beyond.

On Sept. 25, 2010, and Sept. 23, 2017, the day I was appointed to the Grand Line and the day I was elected Grand Master, I cited three unforgettable Masonic mentors: My coach, Jake Jacobs; my friend, Walter Klein; and my cousin, Tom Speed.

Our Grand Lodge always seems to have been led by the right Grand Master at the right time. Time will tell if that holds true for this year, but I'm thankful for my apprenticeships with Grand Masters Ledford, Gresham, Preslar, Mayo, Caudle, Webster and Cobb. They are exemplary leaders and I've done my best to apply what I learned from them.

I'm dazzled by the diverse skills, the knowledge and dedication that our Grand Line officers bring to the table, to address whatever tough issue was before us. I'm grateful for every one of them. Each brings unique skills and perspectives, and brains and heart and soul, to the job, and I remain thankful that I can call on them at any time for any reason. I've been with these men many times, late at night, in all kinds of weather, in

meetings well over a hundred miles from home. We communicate by phone, text and email at all hours. They are always giving their best, whether it's working through a Grand Lodge problem, or helping a subordinate lodge, or lifting a brother in crisis. Brethren of the Grand Line, I sleep better at night knowing you are there and I'm very excited about our Grand Lodge's future under your leadership.

My Masonic brethren have given me much more than I have given them. The brethren of Eagle Lodge, in particular, lifted me and kept me grounded at the same time. That is Masonic magic.

It was at Eagle where I discovered the indissoluble chain of sincere affection. The words are familiar to all of us – Masonry unites men of every country, sect, and opinion, and conciliates true friendship, among those who might otherwise have remained at a perpetual distance. It's true. Peace and harmony can come naturally, and easily, to men of diverse political outlook and religious practice. I would like for the rest of the world to have what we have at Eagle and in all of our lodges. Recently in the small town of Hillsborough, I sat in lodge with men from four continents, good men I would never have known otherwise, and we met on the level and parted on the square.

It was also at Eagle, in that great old building, where I realized that the building is not the lodge. We are the lodge. The building is merely our classroom for insight, our laboratory for self-awareness, our locus for warm memories of departed brothers.

To my brethren at Kilwinning Lodge in Wadesboro, thank you for welcoming Susan and me back home with open arms. I attended lodge at Kilwinning the day we moved to Wadesboro, thanks to Mike Register, who was speaking there that night and took me to lodge well before we had all of our belongings in the house. From the day we landed in Wadesboro Chesley Greene and Pete Cook have been valued coaches, traveling companions and friends.

I've known for some time that our Grand Lodge has an outstanding, professional and dedicated staff. This past year I discovered how utterly indispensable each member of the team really is to the orderly and efficient functioning of this sprawling and complex enterprise of 371 lodges and 38,000 members. Thank you, Walt Clapp, Jonathan Underwood, Cornelia Doherty, Vicki Lam and Hayley Moll.

As I progressed through the Grand Line, I thought that improving our communications and fund-raising capabilities would be my highest priorities as Grand Master. By the time I took this job, that work had been done. The North Carolina Mason has become an outstanding, well-written and attractive publication under the leadership of Beth Grace, with the assistance of John Pea and Melody McBride. The North Carolina Masonic Foundation boasts a professional and dedicated staff in Jeff Hensley, WB Chris Richardson and Dee Blake. This investment in staff is guaranteed to pay dividends. My thanks to the staff and volunteers for their great work, and to the board of the NCMF for its proactive and far-sighted leadership in helping to accomplish these tremendous gains.

In 2010, Grand Master Ledford asked me to join the Grand Line. When I discussed it with Susan that night she said, if you love the organization, you don't say no to this. It is all about love: brotherly love, relief and truth; faith, hope and charity.

The day I was elected Grand Master, I said some things from the heart. I talked about my concern that a coarsening in society is creeping into our sacred retreat of friendship and virtue. I'm seeing, in places, an erosion of fraternalism. I'm not feeling, in places, the brotherly love. That's a turning point.

We are a fraternity – with the rewarding social dimensions – and we are also the greatest philosophical and self-improvement organization ever conceived. As members of a fraternity we need never bowl alone, and with the wisdom that's well within our reach we're given the tools to illuminate our minds and to soar above the commonplace, just as the cathedrals of the Middle Ages soared above the primitive landscapes around them.

Masonry is rare. It is special. It is not for everyone. And it has been entrusted to us for only brief time. We choose to build and practice it, or not. I see vast potential for growth in quality and quantity. We have something that good men seek – and the world needs – if we will only practice our precepts and take pride in the special nature of our Craft. As we are at a turning point, our fraternity needs our very best efforts before our time is up, and before we hand Freemasonry to the next generation.

When the operative masons who built the cathedral at Chartres neared the end of construction, they knew that their stone walls would stand for thousands of years, but the timber structure supporting the roof would last about a century. So the builders planted trees alongside the cathedral. Trees that would serve as timbers in a hundred years, when a new generation of builders would renew the cathedral for it to serve future generations.

Consider how you can build Masonry for the next generation or Masons, and the next, as the particles flow through your hourglass. How are you using your remaining time?

Brethren, the world's greatest fraternity is now in our care, and we will determine its future. We do not need to look to our history to see our best days. We know what we need to do to be successful. We just need to do it. I'm excited by the possibilities of the next year and the next decade, and I'm absolutely convinced that the best is yet to come. Thank you for the opportunity to serve this fraternity that I love, and that has been so important to my family as well as to our state, our nation and the world.

Fraternally and respectfully submitted,
Speed Hallman
Grand Master, 2018

Report of the Board of General Purposes on the Distribution of the Report of the Grand Master

The following report of the Board of General Purposes on the distribution of the report of Past Grand Master A. Gene Cobb, Jr. and the interim report of Grand Master Speed Hallman was presented by Grand Secretary T. Walton Clapp, III, entered on the record, and adopted by the delegates to Annual Communication.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Board of General Purposes, in compliance with the provisions of THE CODE, has reviewed and carefully considered the final report of the Past Grand Master, Most Worshipful A. Gene Cobb, Jr., PGM, and the Interim Report of Grand Master C. Speed Hallman, in all of its details and submits this report:

The Board recommends:

- (1) That the parts of the report that relate to orders and other legal matters, be referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.
- (2) That the portions relative to matters of finance, be referred to the Committee on Finance.
- (3) We recommend the adoption of the Honorary Title of Past District Deputy Grand Master to those brethren contained in the Grand Masters' reports
- (4) That recommendations of the Grand Master and all other matters assigned without further specific reference be referred to the committee or commissions which should properly consider them.

Respectfully submitted,
Board of General Purposes

Report of the Committee on Appeals

The following report of the Committee on Appeals was presented to the Grand Lodge. The recommendations of the Committee and the decision of the delegates are included in each case.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Determined by the Judge Advocate

The Judge Advocate determined Five (5) matters during the preceding year. These matters are summarized as follows:

1. Docket No.: 910
Name: Brother HCM
Lodge: Manteo Lodge No. 521, AF & AM

Brother HCM, a Master Mason and member of Manteo Lodge No. 521, was expelled by the Judge Advocate after he pled guilty in the Federal Court at Raleigh, NC, of a felony, to wit: accepting illegal gratuities. As part of a plea bargain, several other felonies were dismissed. On November 115, 2017, an Order of summary Expulsion was entered by the Judge Advocate pursuant to Regulations 86-2(27) and 91-12 of The Code.

The Committee recommended that the determination be approved.

The delegates approved the action of the judge advocate.

2. Docket No.: 913
 Name: Brother ASE
 Lodge: Enterprise Lodge No. 752, AF & AM

Brother ASE, a Master Mason and member of Enterprise Lodge No. 752, was expelled by the Judge Advocate after he was found guilty in the Superior Court of Davidson County for Felony Embezzlement by a Government Employee. Brother ASE did not answer the Masonic charges against him. Consequently, on April 4, 2018, an Order of Summary Expulsion was entered by the Judge Advocate pursuant to Regulations 86-2(27) and 91-12 of The Code.

The Committee recommended that the determination be approved.

The delegates approved the action of the judge advocate.

3. Docket No.: 914
 Name: Brother WST
 Lodge: Rolesville Lodge No. 683, AF & AM

Brother WST, a Master Mason and member of Rolesville Lodge No. 683, was accused of communicating threats and having illegal communication with the wife of brother Master Mason. The case was dismissed by the Judge Advocate.

The Committee recommended that the determination be approved.

The delegates approved the action of the judge advocate.

4. Docket No.: 921
 Name: Brother JTW
 Lodge: Steele Creek Lodge No. 737, AF & AM

Brother JTW, a Master Mason and member of Steele Creek Lodge No. 737, was expelled by the Judge Advocate after he admitted to having had illegal carnal communication with the wife of a brother Master Mason, knowing her to be such. Consequently, on May 23, 2018, an Order of Summary Expulsion was entered by the Judge Advocate pursuant to Regulations 86-2(27) and 91-12 of The Code.

The Committee recommended that the determination be approved.

The delegates approved the action of the judge advocate.

5. Docket No.: 924
 Name: Brother JPL
 Lodge: Statesville Lodge No. 27, AF & AM

Brother JPL, a Master Mason and member of Statesville Lodge No. 27 was expelled by the Judge Advocate after he pled guilt to larceny from Statesville Lodge No. 27. Although, through a plea bargain, he pled guilty to a misdemeanor, the amount of money involved would constitute a felony. Brother JPL answered the charges and declined to submit to Masonic trial. Consequently, on July 25, 2018, an Order of Summary Expulsion was entered by the Judge Advocate pursuant to Regulations 86-2(27) and 91-12 of The Code.

The Committee recommended that the determination be approved.

The delegates approved the action of the judge advocate.

Decisions Determined by Trial Commission

The Trial Commission determined Four (4) matters during the preceding year. These matters are summarized as follows:

1. Docket No.: 911
Name: Brother JDH
Lodge: Gaston Lodge No. 263, AF & AM

Brother JDH, a Master Mason and member of Gaston Lodge No. 263, was suspended for three years by the Trial Commission after he was found to have falsely represented himself as a military veteran, a former Sniper, and accepted a Masonic Certificate recognizing him for honorable military service, to which he was not entitled. Brother JDH admitted he had lied on numerous occasions concerning military service. Consequently, on January 24, 2018, an Order of Suspension for three years was entered by the Trial Commission pursuant to Regulations 86-2(27) and 91-12 of The Code.

On February 12, 2018, Gaston Lodge No. 263 filed Notice of Appeal with the Grand Lodge. The basis of their appeal is for a penalty of EXPULSION.

The Committee on Appeals recommended that the action of the Trial Commission be disapproved and recommended a penalty of Expulsion.

The delegates approved the action of the Trial Commission.

2. Docket No.: 912
Name: Brother TJL
Lodge: Mt. Pleasant Lodge No. 573, AF & AM

Brother TJL, a Master Mason and member of Mt. Pleasant Lodge No. 573, was expelled by the Trial Commission after he was convicted in the District Court of Wilkes County for violating his probation. Brother TJL appeared at the Masonic trial and admitted he had pled guilty to the violation. Consequently, on April 25, 2018, an Order of Expulsion was entered by the Trial Commission pursuant to Regulations 86-2(27) and 91-12 of The Code.

The Committee on Appeals recommended that the determination be approved.

The delegates approved the action of the Trial Commission.

3. Docket No.: 922
Name: Brother CDB
Lodge: Enterprise Lodge No. 752, AF & AM

Brother CDB, a Master Mason and member of Enterprise Lodge No. 752, was expelled by the Trial Commission after he was found to have refused to obey a summons lawfully issued by Grand Master Speed Hallman. Brother CDB did not appear at his Masonic trial. Consequently, on August 22, 2018, an Order of Expulsion was entered by the Trial Commission pursuant to Regulations 86-2(27) and 91-12 of The Code.

The Committee on Appeals recommended that the determination be approved.

The delegates approved the action of the Trial Commission.

4. Docket No.: 923
Name: Brother SAE
Lodge: King Lodge No. 722, AF & AM

Brother SAE, a Master Mason and member of King Lodge No. 722, was expelled by the Trial Commission after he was found to have refused to obey a summons lawfully issued by Grand Master Speed Hallman. Brother SAE did not appear at his Masonic trial. Consequently, on August 22, 2018, an Order of Expulsion was entered by the Trial Commission pursuant to Regulations 86-2(27) and 91-12 of The Code.

The Committee on Appeals recommended that the determination be approved.

The delegates approved the action of the Trial Commission.

Grand Master

The Grand Master determined Six (6) matters during the preceding year. These matters are summarized as follows:

1. Docket No.: 909
Name: Brother GMW
Lodge: Durham Lodge No. 352, AF & A M

Brother GMW, a Master Mason and member of Durham Lodge No. 352, was suspended for one year by Grand Master A. Gene Cobb, Jr., as the result of a summary trial. It was found that while in a state of intoxication in a hospitality room at the annual communication he made a vile and offensive remark to the wife of a Grand Lodge Officer. Brother GMW admitted the charges against him. Consequently, on October 19, 2017, an Order of Suspension for one year was entered by the Grand Master pursuant to Regulations 86-2(27) and 91-12 of The Code.

The Committee on Appeals recommended that the determination be approved.

The delegates approved the action of the Grand Master Cobb.

2. Docket No.: 908
Name: Brother JTL
Lodge: Mt. Holly Lodge No. 544, AF & AM

Brother JTL, a Master Mason and member of Mount Holly Lodge No. 544, was expelled by Grand Master A. Gene Cobb, Jr., as the result of a summary trial. It was found that Brother JTL confronted a female in a vile and profane manner after she inquired about a large Nazi flag he had prominently displayed at his residence. Brother JTL admitted the charges against him and was expelled by Grand Master Cobb. Consequently, on September 1, 2017, an Order of Expulsion was entered by the Grand Master pursuant to Regulation 91-13 of The Code.

The Committee on Appeals recommended that the determination be approved.

The delegates approved the action of the Grand Master Cobb.

3. Docket No.: 915
Name: Brother RGW
Lodge: Ionic Lodge No. 583, AF & AM

Brother RGW, a Master Mason and member of Ionic Lodge No. 583, was summoned to appear at a summary trial before Grand Master Speed Hallman after he was accused of directing un-Masonic and inappropriate comments toward the Grand Lodge and Grand Lodge Officers during an internet conversation. Brother RGW appeared at the trial, sincerely apologized for his comments, and the case was dismissed by the Grand Master.

The Committee on Appeals recommended that the determination be approved.

The delegates approved the action of the Grand Master Hallman.

4. Docket No.: 916
Name: Brother ELB
Lodge: Richard Caswell Lodge No. 705, AF & AM

Brother ELB, a Master Mason and member of Richard Caswell Lodge No. 705, was summoned to appear at a summary trial before Grand Master Speed Hallman after he was accused of directing un-Masonic and inappropriate comments toward the

Grand Lodge and Grand Lodge Officers during an internet conversation. Brother ELB appeared at the trial, sincerely apologized for his comments, and the case was dismissed by the Grand Master.

The Committee on Appeals recommended that the determination be approved.

The delegates approved the action of the Grand Master Hallman.

5. Docket No.: 917
Name: Brother AH
Lodge: Temple Lodge No. 676, AF & AM

Brother AH, a Master Mason and member of Temple Lodge No. 676, was summoned to appear at a summary trial before Grand Master Speed Hallman after he was accused of making death threats to a brother Master Mason during an internet conversation. Brother AH appeared at the trial and admitted he had made the comments, but was completely unrepentant and was expelled by the Grand Master. Consequently, on May 30, 2018, an Order of Expulsion was entered on the record pursuant to Regulations 86-2 (11)(51) and 91-13 of The Code.

The Committee on Appeals recommended that the determination be approved.

The delegates approved the action of the Grand Master Hallman.

6. Docket No.: 919
Name: Brother JC
Lodge: PP Turner Lodge No. 746, AF & AM

Brother JC, a Master Mason and member of PP Turner Lodge No. 746, was summoned to appear at a summary trial before Grand Master Speed Hallman after he was accused of directing un-Masonic and inappropriate comments toward the Grand Lodge and Grand Lodge Officers during an internet conversation. Brother JC immediately contacted the Grand Master and sincerely apologized for his comments and the case was dismissed by the Grand Master.

The Committee on Appeals recommended that the determination be approved.

The delegates approved the action of the Grand Master Hallman.

Petitions for Restoration

1. DRC (Docket No. 652), formerly a member of Garner Lodge No. 701, Garner, was expelled for un-Masonic conduct on March 24, 1997. He filed for restoration with the lodge on June 25, 2018, and with the Grand Secretary on July 6, 2018.

The Committee on Appeals recommended that the delegates approve the petition.

The delegates approved the petition.

2. DBF, Jr. (Docket No. 867), formerly a member of Hall Lodge No. 53, Shawboro, was expelled for un-Masonic conduct on November 21, 2014, for having illegal carnal communication with the wife of a Master Mason (while her husband was deployed with the Navy). He filed for restoration with the lodge on May 30, 2018, and with the Grand Secretary on June 21, 2018.

The Committee on Appeals recommended that the delegates deny the petition.

The delegates denied the petition.

3. MEF, Sr. (Docket No. 903), formerly a member of Clifford Duell Lodge No. 756, Fayetteville, was expelled on March 1, 2017, for Larceny by Employee (a felony). He filed for restoration with the lodge in October 2017, and with the Grand Secretary

on October 30, 2017.
The Committee on Appeals recommended that the delegates deny the petition.
The delegates denied the petition.

4. MAB (Docket No. 735), formerly a member of Newell Lodge No. 739, Newell, was expelled for un-Masonic conduct on February 18, 2005, for embezzlement of \$2,000 from River Hills Homeowners Association. He pled guilty to a misdemeanor. He filed for restoration with the lodge on August 9, 2018, and with the Grand Secretary on August 31, 2018. The lodge waived the 90 day requirement.
The Committee on Appeals recommended that the delegates approve the petition.
The delegates approved the petition.

Call from Labor to Refreshment

The business of the first day of Annual Communication being completed, Grand Master Hallman call the Craft from labor to refreshment to reconvene at 9:00 A.M. Saturday morning.

Second Day

Called from Refreshment to Labor

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 9:00 A.M., Saturday September 29, 2018 at the Twin City Quarter in Winston-Salem by Grand Master Speed Hallman. Prayer was offered by Grand Chaplain James G. Jones, Jr.

Report of the Committee on Finance

R. Kevin Combs, Chairman, on behalf of the Committee on Finance, presented the Committee’s recommendations for the 2019 budget. Their recommendation was discussed and approved by sections. The budget was then approved as a whole. The approved budget is found in the Grand Secretary’s reports, and other recommendations contained in that report are presented elsewhere in this Proceedings.

Election of Grand Line Officers

The Grand Master announced that the time had arrived for the election of officers of the Grand Lodge. He appointed as tellers the district deputy grand masters who collected and counted the ballots.

The election resulted as follows:
Grand Master.....Dwight M. Sigmon, Catawba No. 248
Deputy Grand Master.....P. Shaun Bradshaw, Stokesdale No. 428
Senior Grand Warden.....R. David Wicker, Jr., Oak Grove No. 750
Junior Grand WardenLarry B. Thompson, Jr., Blackmer No. 127
Grand Treasurer.....Lewis R. Ledford, Statesville No. 27
Grand SecretaryT. Walton Clapp III, Mystic Tie No. 237

Acceptance Speech of Dwight M. “Mack” Sigmon

The Grand Master-elect, Dwight M. Sigmon, gave the following acceptance speech:

M.W. GM, PGMs, GL officers, Distinguished East, Brethren all:

My brethren, I thank you for your kind and warm reception. It means more to me than words can adequately express. I see many here this morning who have been severely impacted by the recent storms and flooding. Each of you remain in my daily thoughts and prayers as you continue in your recovery efforts. I hope and pray that each day gets easier on you and your family.

I stand before you today extremely grateful for this special opportunity of being elected as the 166th Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina. This is a humbling experience and one that I take very, very seriously. I would like to thank M...W... Bob Gresham for the confidence he had in me as his selection as the Junior Grand Steward for 2012. M...W... Gresham, you can be assured that I will do my best to serve the craft well.

As I began this journey, I told you of my commitment to continue serving in each place and station with the same dedication and devotion as I had always tried to do. I am hopeful that, by the grace and guidance of our Almighty Creator, I can continue to meet and even exceed your expectations as Grand Master. It has always been my goal to serve any position to which I have been elected or appointed to the very best of my ability, and in such a manner that it would leave that position better than when I started. Those that I now follow have set the bar extremely high. My commitment to meeting and exceeding this goal remains for my final and most important station. I am honored to now officially and proudly accept your decision to elect me as your Grand Master for 2019.

I look forward to serving and sharing my message of kindness, brotherly love, and how I continue to strive each day to treat others as has been taught to me through my Book of Faith and the various lessons taught to me through the many Masonic Rituals that I have either observed, participated in, or conferred.

Maybe I have been put in this position because it is time we have a friendly reminder of how our ritual lessons can help bring a positive change to the world we live in. Our world is extremely divided and has been for some time. I truly believe as Freemasons, we have the tools to make a real difference in guiding this world on a more positive journey. Each of us must be committed if we are to bring a positive change both in our own lives as well as the lives of others. We do this by example, the example of the type of life we choose to lead. Actions always speak louder than words and men always speak what is in their hearts. Each of us have a choice, we can choose to be a “Mason” or just a member. To me a Mason is one who lives his life in accordance with the lessons taught to him from both his Book of Faith and the various Masonic ritual lessons he has received. Our dues cards say that we are a member of this fraternity. It does not state anywhere that we are Masons. Every day we must continually strive and work hard to earn that important title of “Mason.” One of our Masonic rituals reminds us that Life is a School, Masonry is Work. It is not easy to be a Mason. I know, I have to work at it each and every day.

One of my guiding principles in how to treat others comes from one of my favorite Masonic lectures. Some of you may recognize which degree this lesson is from.

“Ever remember that, being human, you must of necessity often err; that those who hold different opinions entertain them as honestly as you do your own; and that you have no right to deny or doubt their sincerity. Especially, never harshly denounce an

opinion that more experience and a more thorough investigation may someday compel you to adopt. Therefore, always treat your opponents as if their opinions were at some time to become your own.”

We are taught in the annual installation of our officers many important lessons, but two I like to focus on are:

- To set a guard at the entrance of our thoughts, to place a watch at the door of our lips, to post a sentinel at the avenue of our actions thereby excluding every unqualified and unworthy thought, word, and deed, and preserving consciences void of offense toward God and man. (Found in the charge when installing a Tyler) And,
- May kindness and brotherly affection distinguish your conduct as men and Masons. (Found in the Closing Charge at the installation of officers and one that we should always observe)

So, I encourage you, that before you speak or act — whether in person, social media, or any environment — remember that you represent the fraternity of Freemasonry especially when you wear any of our Masonic emblems. I have spent years studying Masonic ritual lessons and trying to perfect my ritual abilities. These lessons truly guide my life and actions. Several of our Masonic ritual lessons teach that Masonic emblems are worn or displayed **not to**, and I stress **not to**, inform others of our rank or title or as an advertisement for potential new members but as a constant reminder to ourselves of the obligations and lessons we have agreed and obligated ourselves to abide by. We cannot pick and choose which of these lessons apply. To truly be a “Mason” they all must apply and guide your life in everything you do and say.

More importantly always remember your own actions, appearance, and words provide an opportunity for us to attract the best of the best this world has to offer in becoming a part of our historical fraternity — or they can just as easily discourage someone from exploring further an opportunity to be a part of the world’s greatest and oldest fraternity, the greatest self-improvement program available in the world today. The choice of how you choose to represent our fraternity is one that you must make every day. Remember, in today’s world, someone is always watching, including and more importantly the Supreme Architect of the Universe, that “All Seeing Eye” represented so vividly throughout our fraternal bodies. Our forefathers left us a fraternity to grow and prosper and we can only attract the best men if they clearly see the true character of what we represent as “Masons.” The way we carry ourselves is our best method of advertisement.

My brethren, **Masonry is Work**, hard work, important work, and work needed more than ever in our society today. It is time that we as Freemasons lead the way in **Making a Difference** in this world. Everyday ask yourself this question: Today am I going to be a Mason or just a member? I hope that you will do as I try to do and choose every day to be the best Mason you can possibly be.

In closing, I look forward to serving the Masons of North Carolina as we begin this journey together, and I stress the word “together.” A little later in today’s program I will offer some brief remarks concerning my programs for 2019 and will announce my selection of our newest appointment to the grand lodge line.

My brethren, I am proud to be a Mason. I am even more proud to be a Mason from the grand jurisdiction of the great state of North Carolina!! May the Supreme Architect of the Universe continue to bless you and this great fraternity that we love so much! Thank you.

Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence

The following report of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence was presented. The Committee made a recommendation on each topic of discussion. Each topic was dealt with individually, and then the entire report was adopted as a whole. The dispensation of each is listed following the details. These subjects were dealt with at various times during the sessions of the Annual Communication and are collected here for convenience.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence respectfully submits the following report. For convenient reference, we use the same subjects, titles, and subdivisions of the Address of the Grand Master, as used by him or the Docket Number used in any report, or other documents submitted for our consideration and action in all of our references to those matters and subjects.

Cobb Opinions

Cobb Opinion 1

All Masons are accountable to The Code of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina.

On June 22, 2017, an official response to concerns raised by the Judge Advocate regarding “complaints from our appendant bodies seeking resolutions for incidents” was given by the Grand Master.

Since that time, other matters requiring a disciplinary review have occurred in this jurisdiction which leads the Grand Master to issue the following official opinions.

That the Judge Advocate only hear and address cases that are presented in accordance with our laws, rules, and regulations relating to Masonic offenses as they appear in The Code.

That in the event the Judge Advocate is presented a case that needs to be referred to another Masonic related organization, who, in his judgment, should hear and act on these matters before we address it as a matter related to The Code, he may refer the matter to the York Rite, Scottish Rite, Shrine, Order of the Eastern Star, Amaranth or another Masonic order recognized in North Carolina.

That when other Masonic related organizations act in accordance with their procedures to address matters of procedure and discipline, the Judge Advocate may concur or not concur and dispense procedural or disciplinary actions as called for by The Code that is concurrent with other Masonic related organizations.

Given under my hand and seal as an opinion on the 19th day of October 2017 in Sanford, North Carolina.

Cobb Opinion 2

Intentional hospitality that promotes peace and harmony within the fraternity is a welcomed practice in many jurisdictions around the world. North Carolina has engaged in such intentional efforts for many years, and I hope that this will continue.

While not all Masons agree about all things, guarding against intemperance and excess is something about which we all agree. Being diligent, prudent, temperate, and discreet is something about which we all agree.

Accordingly, each of us is responsible for our actions. Therefore, in the event any Masons, lodge, or group of lodges host a “hospitality” room at any time or place in this jurisdiction, it is my official opinion that they assume responsibility and accountability for both the hospitality and the behavior of those who participate; and shall be liable for their conduct in accordance with The Code.

Given under my hand and seal this, the 19th day of October 2017 in Sanford, North Carolina.

Cobb Opinion 3

In the effort to address better financial practices throughout the Craft and to reflect best practices, annual audits need to be performed every year.

Our MORI system can provide valuable assistance in this process if the year-end reports are printed out, reviewed, and signed by three members of the lodge. The Grand Secretary is fully capable of working with the subordinate lodge secretaries and coordinating with MORI such changes as will be necessary for future years to provide accurate and effective audits.

Accordingly, and after testing the continued use of Form 39 during my year as Grand Master, it is my opinion that the end-of-the-year report in MORI should be adjusted such that it will allow beginning and ending balances of lodge funds that account for income and expense reporting sufficient for lodges in the future such that Form 39 will become obsolete.

Given under my hand and seal this, the 23rd day of November 2017 in Sanford, North Carolina.

Cobb Opinion 4

This opinion will begin to address issues of affiliation with Prince Hall Freemasons.

The Grand Secretary has requested an Official Opinion regarding the affiliation of Prince Hall Affiliate (PHA) Freemasons within our sister jurisdictions who are not yet recognized by our sister jurisdictions, but otherwise conform to the ancient usages and Landmarks of the Fraternity and derive their legitimacy, historic usages, and warrants from African Lodge No. 459, chartered by the Premier Grand Lodge of England (now the United Grand Lodge of England) on 29 September 1784. In compliance with his request, I am giving you my Official Opinion.

On 19 September 2008 and 22 September 2015 the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina resolved that the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Affiliate Grand Lodges within the United States were regular in their workings, usages of Masonic Law, and adhered to the ancient Landmarks of our Fraternity.

Considering the Resolutions of this Grand Lodge in 2008 and 2015, it is

my opinion that members in good standing of Prince Hall Affiliate Grand Lodges may apply for affiliation to a lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction per Regulation 75-1 (the Right to Apply for Affiliation) as regular and recognized Masons.

Given under my hand and seal in Sanford, North Carolina, this the 27th day of November 2017.

Hallman Orders

Hallman Order No. 1

It has been brought to my attention by the Grand Secretary that Kedron Lodge No. 387, A.F. & A.M., balloted on a Petition for the Degrees for Mr. E.H. without first complying with 68-3.13 of The Code.

In such cases the Grand Master may authorize a rebalot at a stated communication. Under Regulation 68-8 the master was informed of differing results presented by his wardens and proceeded to an improper announcement. He then reballoted again. Therefor, the Grand Master by positive and unquestionable evidence determines the ballot was clearly and grossly illegal and is empowered to order another ballot in cases of this kind. I hereby ORDER Kedron Lodge No. 387 to rebalot on the above mentioned petition for the degrees at the stated communication to be held on August 6, 2018.

The dispensation authorizing the rebalot shall contain a proviso that all members of the lodge shall be given not less than ten days notice by first-class mail under sealed cover of the rebalot and the time and place therefor.

This Order shall be read to the lodge at the stated communication to be held on July 2, 2018, entered on the minutes of that communication, and a proper notation made in the margin of the minutes for the stated communication on June 18, 2018, referring to this Order and the date it was recorded in the minutes.

Given under my hand and seal at Wadesboro, North Carolina this 20th day of July, 2018 AD; 2018 AL.

Hallman Order No. 2

On Nov. 29, after hearing that a proposed Code amendment was ruled out of order on account of a misunderstanding, I issued Order #2, pursuant to Reg. 13-1 and 13-2.12 of the Code:

It has been brought to my attention that a proposed amendment to the Code was ruled out of order by the Code Commission this year because the Commission did not have access to the full amendment proposal as presented by the author of the amendment. I believe that any Mason or any lodge submitting an amendment for the Craft's consideration should have an opportunity to be present or to be represented when such amendments are being discussed by the Code Commission and the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

Therefore, it is my order that whenever the Code Commission and the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence schedule a meeting or conference call to discuss or consider a proposed amendment, the Commission and Committee shall notify the propounder of the amendment (the lodge or brother within the lodge, or current or past Grand Lodge Officer) of the meeting or conference call and provide an opportunity to speak to the Commission and Committee about the proposed amendment, which shall at least include the opportunity to present and discuss the proposed amendment.

Given under my hand and seal this the 29th day of November, 2018.

Proposed Amendments to The Code of 1995

Amendment Group 1

Submitted by William G. Hill Lodge No. 218

This amendment would stop the purchase of new Endowed Memberships and create a new type of membership, Legacy Membership. Current endowed membership participants would be unaffected. Legacy membership is crafted after Endowed Memberships and uses the same financial assumptions. The purchase price would be increased to allow for the amount paid out to the lodge to increase over time. The legacy membership program could also be purchased over a five year period. This program would allow the dues paid to the lodge to keep up with inflation, leaving a true legacy for all time. The present endowed membership holders would be able to upgrade to a Legacy Membership if they desire. Legacy memberships could additionally be purchased via a bequest in a will by a brother in good standing at the time of his death.

REG. 77-25 ENDOWED MEMBERSHIPS.

Endowed Memberships **accepted by** the Grand Lodge **exist under** the following terms and conditions.

1. Obsolete
2. Obsolete
3. Obsolete
4. Obsolete
5. Obsolete
6. Obsolete

7. Obsolete

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REG. 77-26 LEGACY MEMBERSHIPS.

Legacy Memberships may be purchased from the Grand Lodge on the following terms and conditions.

1. Any member in good standing and possessing a current dues card in a particular lodge of this grand jurisdiction may become a legacy member in that lodge pursuant to the provisions of this section.
2. Legacy memberships have a minimum payment as follows:
 - A. The minimum payment for a Legacy Membership shall be thirty-five (35) times the annual dues of the applying member's subordinate lodge effective on January 1st following the date of the application, or the sum of \$1300.00, whichever is greater.
3. The legacy membership fee may be paid in five (5) equal annual installments according to the following:
 - A. The annual installment shall be eight (8) times the annual lodge dues effective on January 1st following the date of application, or \$300, whichever is greater.
 - B. After commencing installment plan payments, a member may not revert to the single payment method, but may remit any or all installments early, provided no installment is past due.
 - C. Failure to pay any installment due by December 31 of each successive year constitutes voluntary withdrawal from the program, and regular dues in this lodge for the same year are payable immediately.
 - D. A member may withdraw from the legacy membership program at any time.
 - E. A member withdrawing from the installment option reverts to the membership status held before joining the program and shall remit dues to his lodge for the current year and for successive years unless otherwise exempted.
 - F. A member who has withdrawn from the installment payment option may re-enroll in the program in the same status held when he withdrew. The remaining installments due from the re-enrolling brother shall be determined under Regulation 7726.3.A and 77-26.3.C based on dues of the subordinate lodge effective on January 1st following the date of his re-enrollment.
4. The member desiring a Legacy Membership shall apply to the secretary of the subordinate lodge for such membership on forms prescribe by the Grand Lodge submitted together with either the minimum payment described in Regulation 77-26.2 or the initial installment described in Regulation 77-26.3.
 - A. The application shall contain thereon the computations upon which legacy membership fee is predicated.
 - B. The application shall be signed by the applicant. The lodge secretary shall complete his part of the application and apply the certification of the lodge secretary.
 - C. The lodge secretary shall forward the application together with the full fee due, to the Grand Secretary.

- D. The application shall not become effective until the applicant's record has been certified by the Grand Secretary.
- E. The date of the application shall be the date the Grand Secretary certified he received the application.
- 5. The Grand Secretary shall certify legacy memberships as follows:
 - A. A. If the Grand Secretary determines that the minimum fee, tendered by the applicant is in excess of that required, he shall have the power to correct the application and the lodge secretary's computations of the fee, accept the application as corrected and refund any excess fee to the applicant through the particular lodge secretary.
 - B. If the fee tendered is insufficient, the Grand Secretary shall return the application and fee to the constituent lodge secretary for correction together with his calculation with amount due.
 - C. A copy of the completed and accepted legacy membership application and a certificate of legacy membership shall be furnished to the applicant and his lodge by the Grand Secretary.
- 6. After the legacy membership application and fee have been received and accepted by the Grand Secretary, the legacy membership fee shall not be refundable except under circumstances determined by the Grand Secretary to be mistakes of fact rendering the applicant ineligible for legacy membership as of the date of application.
- 7. The legacy membership shall be effective for the succeeding calendar year after certification by the Grand Secretary.
- 8. A legacy member shall owe no further dues to the lodge of which he is a legacy member. A dues receipt card shall be issued by the lodge secretary.
- 9. A Brother, at a future time, may add any amount to his legacy membership fee through his local lodge secretary who shall promptly remit any such sums to the Grand Secretary.
- 10. Legacy membership fees accepted by the Grand Secretary shall be paid over to the Grand Treasurer. The funds shall be placed collectively in the Permanent Fund.
 - A. These funds shall be accounted for on an individual lodge basis.
 - B. The amount paid shall be apportioned between the Subordinate Lodge and the Grand Lodge in the ratio of the per capita tax to the subordinate lodge dues on January 1st following the date of the application.
 - C. The per capita tax on legacy memberships will be replaced by the apportionment of the legacy membership payment provided in Regulation 77-26.10.B, thus protecting subordinate lodges from future Grand Lodge per capita tax increases on legacy members.
 - D. The amount paid in Regulation 77-26.10.B shall start at the subordinate lodge dues in the first year this amount is paid. In the ensuing years, this amount is expected to increase by two percent (2%) of the preceding year, however, the exact amount is dependent on the returns of the permanent fund and the

spending policy for legacy funds.

- E. The funds shall be audited annually as a part of the Permanent Fund.
11. When purchased under the five (5) year option, the subordinate lodge shall receive from the legacy membership installment payment each year not less than the difference between the subordinate lodge dues and the per capita tax on which the application is based. The Grand Lodge shall receive from the legacy membership installment payment each year not less than the per capita tax on the date of the application. These payments shall be made to the subordinate lodge when the installment is received by the Grand Lodge.
 - A. The payments to the subordinate lodge and the Grand Lodge mandated by this Regulation 77-26.11 shall be made regardless of the income earned by the Permanent Fund.
 - B. Beginning the year after the final installment payment is made the legacy member's dues shall be paid as provided in Regulation 77-26.10.
12. The Grand Secretary shall, at the time of the annual income distribution under Regulation 77-26.10, submit a statement to the subordinate lodge showing the apportionment of income from the legacy membership between the subordinate lodge and the Grand Lodge.
13. The obtaining of legacy membership in one subordinate lodge by a plural member shall have no effect on his membership in the other subordinate lodges to which he belongs. Plural memberships are permitted.
 - A. A legacy member may transfer his legacy membership to another lodge of which he is a plural member.
 - B. If the lodge to which the legacy membership is transferred has lower dues, including per capita tax, than the lodge from which the legacy membership is transferred, the entire amount paid for the legacy membership shall, nevertheless, be transferred.
 - C. If the lodge to which the legacy membership is transferred has higher dues, including per capita tax, than did the originating lodge on the date of the application for legacy membership, the member shall remit an amount equivalent to the difference between the original cost of the existing legacy membership and the cost of a legacy membership in the lodge to which it is transferred, computed as of the date of the transfer.
 - D. If the member wishes to retain his plural membership in the lodge from which he transfers his legacy membership, he shall pay that lodge's regular dues and per capita tax for the year in which the transfer is made and any subsequent years so long as he retains his plural membership.
14. A legacy member may affiliate with another subordinate lodge by demit as provided in Chapter 75 of The Code. If the affiliation is within this grand jurisdiction, the entire legacy membership fee he originally paid shall be transferred to the account of the lodge to which he affiliates. If the affiliation is outside this grand jurisdiction, the entire legacy membership fee shall remain with the lodge of

which he was a legacy member.

- A. If the lodge to which the legacy membership is transferred has higher dues, including per capita tax, than did the originating lodge on the date of the application for legacy membership, the member shall remit an amount equivalent to the difference between the original cost of the existing legacy membership and the cost of a legacy membership in the lodge to which it is transferred, computed as of the date of the transfer.
15. If a legacy member shall be suspended, expelled, or demits and is subsequently restored to good standing, or re-affiliates from out of state, his legacy membership shall be deemed to also be restored.
16. If a lodge consolidates, surrenders its charter, or has its charter arrested, the funds credited to that lodge in the legacy membership fund shall follow the members according to the relevant sections of The Code.
17. A Legacy Membership may be purchased by a bequest in a will by any member in good standing and possessing a current dues card in a particular lodge of this grand jurisdiction at the time of his death.
18. An Endowed Membership described in Regulation 77-25 may be upgraded to a Legacy Membership. To upgrade the member shall remit an amount equivalent to the difference between the original cost of the existing endowed membership and the cost of a new legacy membership in the lodge, computed as of the date of the remittance.

REG. 77-267 VETERAN'S (FIFTY YEAR SERVICE AWARD) ENDOWED MEMBERSHIPS.

REG. 77-278 MEMORIAL ENDOWED MEMBERSHIPS.

The Committee recommended that the amendment group be approved.

The delegates rejected the amendment group.

Amendment Group 2

Submitted by Knights of Solomon Lodge No. 766.

This amendment would allow a lodge to be able to meet on another date due to cancellation of a stated meeting due to hazardous conditions.

REG. 45-2 STATED COMMUNICATION.

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5. When inclement weather or a natural disaster compels a lodge to cancel its Stated Communication for the safety of the brethren, these lodges, with dispensation from the Grand Master, may reschedule the cancelled communication to a safer date.

The Committee recommended that the amendment group be approved.

The delegates approved the amendment group.

Amendment Group 3

Submitted by the Grand Secretary.

This amendment would require members appointed to the Code Commission to be a Past Master or Secretary.

REG. 33-1 MEMBERS.

3. Each member of the Commission **shall have served a full term as Master or Secretary of a subordinate lodge at least three years prior to his appointment. He** shall be well informed in the laws and usages of Masonry and of **this** Grand Jurisdiction in particular. [27-6; 27-7].

The Committee recommended that the amendment group be approved.

The delegates approved the amendment group.

Amendment Group 4

Submitted by Oak Grove Lodge No. 750.

This proposed amendment would automatically "suspend" the membership of a member who has been charged with a felony. Once his charges have been adjudicated and he is found not guilty, his record would be expunged and he would be returned to being a member in good standing. If found guilty, his case would be forwarded to the Judge Advocate for formal Masonic charges.

REG. 74-5 STATUS OF MASONS.

Status of Masons shall be as follows:

1. A Mason shall be in good standing until charges for unmasonic conduct **or Federal or State criminal charges alleging the commission of a felony** have been served on him or until he has been duly demitted, excluded, suspended, or expelled. [50-1; 87-5; 90-4].
2. A Mason against whom **Masonic** charges have been preferred shall be deemed innocent, and he may attend the lodge of which he is a member until he shall have been found guilty. **A Mason who has been criminally charged with a felony in any state court, the United States District Courts or under United States Uniform Code of Military Justice shall be deemed innocent. However, a Mason subject to such criminal charges shall be immediately suspended until such time as there is a final adjudication of said charges. While under suspension for pending criminal charges, a Mason may not attend any lodge.**
 - a. It shall be the duty of every Mason with knowledge that a member has been criminally charged with a felony to report that fact to the Master of his Lodge and/or to the District Deputy Grand Master who shall immediately forward that information to the Office of the Grand Lodge.
 - b. If, at the time of the final adjudication of the criminal charges, a Mason is found to be guilty of a felony, regardless of whether the finding of guilt is as a result of a plea of guilty, a plea of no contest, or by trial, said Mason shall be immediately expelled by the Judge Advocate.
 - c. If, at the time of the final adjudication of the criminal charges, a Mason is found to be not guilty or if the charges are dismissed by the prosecuting authority, the suspension issued against said Mason shall be immediately withdrawn and the record of the suspension shall be

expunged from the records maintained by the Grand Lodge. The Mason shall thereafter be entitled to all the rights and privileges of Masonry.

- d. If, at the time of the final adjudication of the criminal charges, a Mason is found to be guilty of a misdemeanor or other lesser offense, regardless of whether the finding of guilt is as a result of a plea of guilty, a plea of no contest or by trial, the matter shall then be referred to the Judge Advocate for his consideration as to whether charges of unmasonic conduct should be preferred. If, after proper consideration, charges of unmasonic conduct are not preferred, then the suspension issued against said Mason shall be immediately withdrawn and the record of the suspension shall be expunged from the records maintained by the Grand Lodge. The Mason shall thereafter be entitled to all the rights and privileges of Masonry. If charges of unmasonic conduct are preferred, then the suspension shall remain in effect until such time as the matter is concluded pursuant to the procedures set out in the Trial Code.
3. A Mason against whom **Masonic** charges have been preferred **or felony criminal charges have been filed** shall not be appointed or elected to office, nor installed in any office, nor demitted, nor be buried with Masonic ceremonies while the charges are pending. [50-1; 53-2.4; 55-5; 82-2; 82-2.5; 90-4].
4. A Mason who has been suspended for a definite period of time shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of membership in his lodge at the expiration of the time without action by the Grand Lodge or the lodge. He shall not be subject to dues during the time he is suspended. [77-10; 101-2].
5. The reversal of a judgment of suspension or expulsion by the Grand Lodge or a termination of a judgment of suspension by the Grand Lodge shall restore the accused to membership in his lodge without further action by the lodge. [98-11; 100-5; 101-1; 101-8].
6. If restoration of an expelled Mason is made by the Grand Lodge, he shall not thereby be restored to membership in his lodge, but shall become a nonaffiliated Mason. [98-11; 100-5; 101; 101-3; 101-7; 101-8].
7. The members of a defunct lodge who are not in arrears for dues shall be nonaffiliated Masons.
8. The members of a defunct lodge who are in arrears are excluded Masons. Such excluded Masons shall be nonaffiliated Masons upon paying to the Grand Secretary such arrears as may be required by law and obtaining a Grand Lodge demit. [49-4; 49-4.1].
9. Restoration of an Entered Apprentice or a Fellow Craft shall be to the same status in his lodge that he had before he was suspended or expelled, or as provided in Regulation 101-3.1.

The Committee recommended that this amendment group be withdrawn.

The Grand Master approved the amendment group to be withdrawn.

Amendment Group 5

Submitted by Eagle Lodge No. 19.

This proposed amendment would allow a lodge not to vote on a petition if the lodge discovers the petitioner has answered a question falsely.

REG. 59-2 MASTER.

Some, but not all, of the powers of the Master of a lodge which are also duties to be

performed by him, or at his direction and under his supervision, are as follows:

48. He shall order a petition or application withdrawn and returned if he discovers after it has been received that the lodge does not have jurisdiction or that the petitioner or applicant is not mentally or physically qualified. **He may, but is not required to, order a petition of application withdrawn and returned if he discovers after it has been received that the petitioner or applicant answered any question in the petition or application falsely.** If he **the petitioner or** applicant is morally disqualified, the petition or application shall not be withdrawn but shall go to the ballot. [65-6; 65-7; 66-2; 67-4; 67-6; 75-8; 78-2].

The Committee recommended that this amendment group be ruled out of order.

The Grand Master ruled the amendment group out of order.

Amendment Group 6

Submitted by A. Gene Cobb, Jr., PGM.

This amendment would raise the per capita rate owed to the Grand Lodge to \$25 from its current rate of \$20. Per Capita pays for the operation of the Grand Lodge and was last approved in 2013.

Per Capita Tax and Initiation Fee

REG. 20-1 ESTABLISHED.

Each lodge, including lodges under dispensation, shall pay annually to the Grand Secretary, for the use of the Grand Lodge, the sums hereinafter specified.

1. The sum of ~~twenty~~ **twenty-five** dollars and for each member of the lodge at low twelve on December thirty-first. A lodge shall be exempt from the payment of the annual assessment to the Grand Lodge for any member who has received either the Fifty-Year or Sixty-Year Service Award and any member of a lodge whose dues have been remitted under Reg. 77-14.2. [5-1.1; 20-1; 81-1; 81-7]. *(This subsection amended, effective 1/1 /2014)*

The Committee recommended that the amendment group be approved.

The delegates rejected the amendment group.

Substitute Amendment Group 6

Substitute amendment proposed by the Grand Lodge Committee on Finance.

This substitute amendment would raise the per capita \$5 every three years through 2025.

REG. 20-1 ESTABLISHED.

Each lodge, including lodges under dispensation, shall pay annually to the Grand Secretary, for the use of the Grand Lodge, the sums hereinafter specified.

1. The sum of ~~twenty-five~~ dollars ~~and~~ for each member of the lodge at low twelve on December thirty-first 31, 2019, **and continuing on the thirty-first day of December of each year thereafter until such time as this Regulation may be modified or changed. The sum of thirty dollars for each member of the lodge at low twelve on December 31, 2022, and continuing on the thirty-first day of December of each year thereafter until such time as this Regulation may be modified or changed. The sum of thirty-five dollars for each member of the lodge at low twelve on December 31, 2025, and continuing on the thirty-first day of December of each year thereafter until such time as this Regulation may be modified or changed.** A lodge shall be exempt from

the payment of the annual assessment to the Grand Lodge for any member who has received either the Fifty-Year or Sixty-Year Service Award and any member of a lodge whose dues have been remitted under Reg. 77-14.2. [5-1.1; 20-1; 81-1; 81-7].

This substitute amendment group was withdrawn.

Amendment Group 7

Submitted by A. Gene Cobb, Jr., PGM

This amendment would require the lodge treasurer to make a report to his lodge at least quarterly.

REG. 59-2 MASTER.

Some, but not all, of the powers of the Master of a lodge which are also duties to be performed by him, or at his direction and under his supervision, are as follows:

51. He shall make certain that the Treasurer makes a full and complete report to the lodge of its receipts, disbursements, account balances, and financial condition, as required by Regulation 59-11.5. The failure of the Master to make certain that the required reports are provided to the Lodge by the Treasurer shall be a serious Masonic offense. In the event that the Treasurer fails to make any required quarterly report, the Master shall notify the District Deputy Grand Master who shall then notify the Grand Master. (This Amendment shall become effective upon adoption.)

REG. 59-11 TREASURER.

The duties of the Treasurer shall be as follows.

5. He shall make **full and complete** reports to the lodge of its receipts, disbursements, **account balances**, and financial condition **on not less than a quarterly basis. At the time of each such report, the Treasurer shall have present in the lodge and available for inspection by the Officers and members, any and all necessary documentation supporting his report, including but not limited to bank statements and check registers. Each quarterly report of the Treasurer shall be read out in open lodge and recorded by the Secretary as a part of the minutes of the lodge. The failure of the Treasurer to make the required quarterly reports to the Lodge shall be a serious Masonic offense. as the law and as the lodge or the Master may require. (This Amendment shall become effective upon adoption.)**

REG. 59-12 SECRETARY.

The duties of the Secretary shall be as follows.

6. He shall make to the lodge, as its by-laws direct or as otherwise required, a report of its work, of the condition of its accounts with its officers and members, and of all other matters relating to its finances or business

which may be under his care, **including, but not limited to, a copy of the financial reports provided by the Treasurer as required in Regulation 59-11.5. The failure of the Secretary to record the required quarterly reports given to the Lodge by the Treasurer shall be a serious Masonic offense. (This Amendment shall become effective upon adoption.)**

The Committee recommended that the amendment group be approved.

The delegates approved the amendment group.

Amendment Group 8

Submitted by the Grand Secretary.

This amendment would allow a lodge to be able to hold its annual meeting (election of officers) on another date due to cancellation of a stated due to hazardous conditions. This amendment does require membership notification on a date other than a stated communication.

REG. 54-1 ANNUAL ELECTION.

Each chartered lodge, annually as provided in its by-laws under Article 8 Section 4, shall elect without nomination by written ballot from its members the elective officers. The lodge shall not elect officers by acclamation. [44-2.1; 44-7(Art.); 45-2; 45-6; 45-3.4.A; 53-1; 53-1.1; 53-2; 54-3.1]. *(This regulation amended, effective 1/1/2009)*

1. In the event the stated communication, as named in the by-laws of a lodge at which the officers should be elected as required by Regulation 54-1, shall fall on a legal holiday, then the lodge shall hold that stated communication on the day following such legal holiday, excepting Sunday. [44-7 (Art.8); 45-1.1; 45-2; 45-6; 45-3.4.A].
2. If a lodge fails to elect its officers at the time required, the Grand Master shall, upon application, grant a dispensation to the lodge to hold an election at a designated stated communication. **In the case of inclement weather, the Grand Master may select a date other than a stated communication, excepting Sunday. The Master or Secretary shall provide sufficient notification of this communication by publication in a local newspaper, email, or telephone service not less than five days prior to the communication.** [13-3.8.A.(4); 13-3.8.A.(5); 45-3.4.A; 57-3.1; Official Form 41].
3. An election of lodge officers held on any other day or in any other manner than that authorized by law shall be of no effect. [45-3.4.A].

The Committee recommended that this amendment group be withdrawn.

The Grand Master approved the amendment group to be withdrawn.

Amendment Group 9

Submitted by Blackmer Lodge No. 127, Fellowship Lodge No. 84, Kenly Lodge No. 257, James K. Polk Lodge No. 759, Nichols W-Asheville Lodge No. 650, and Eagle Lodge No. 19.

This amendment would allow a lodge to open lodge on the First Degree and conduct its business.

REG. 45-2 STATED COMMUNICATION.

4. A lodge, regularly opened on the **first or** third degree for an emergent

communication on the day of a stated communication at an earlier hour than that named in its by-laws for that stated communication, may be changed to a stated communication without going through the ceremonies of closing and again opening in the following manner.

- A. At a time not more than thirty minutes after the hour named in the by-laws for the stated communication, the Master shall announce in open lodge that "the hour for the stated communication having arrived, and the lodge having been opened on the degree of Entered Apprentice or Master Mason, further work in the emergent communication will be deferred and the business of the stated communication taken up."

REG. 45-8 QUORUM.

Seven Master Masons, members of the lodge, one of whom shall be authorized to open the lodge and preside, shall constitute a quorum to open the lodge on any degree and for the transaction of any business that may lawfully come before an Entered Apprentice's or Master Mason's lodge. The Tyler, if a member of the lodge, may be one of the seven. [38-2: 39-11; 74-1; 87-31].

REG. 45-9 DEGREE ON WHICH LODGE OPENED.

All business ~~shall~~ may be transacted in an Entered Apprentice's or Master Mason's Lodge, except proficiency examinations and degree work in the ~~first and second~~ degrees; or the discipline ~~of Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts~~ as provided in The Trial Code, Chapter 100. If a lodge chooses to transact business in an Entered Apprentice lodge it would be opened for the transaction of business in lieu of for work and instruction.

REG. 45-18 MASTER MASON'S LODGE CLOSED.

Every Master Mason's lodge shall be closed until the next stated communication unless sooner convened. Lodges of Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft Masons shall be closed without date unless conducting business in a lodge of Entered Apprentice in which case it shall be closed until the next stated communication unless sooner convened.

REG. 51-1 MODES OF AVOUCHMENT.

No brother shall vouch for another unless, in addition to the knowledge that the visitor is a Mason, the brother is also satisfied that the visitor is at the time in good standing. [87-51].

1. There shall be ~~three~~ four modes of avouchment of a brother as follows:
[39-2.6.F.(3)1]. A. By sitting together in a regular lodge of Master Masons recognized by the Grand Lodge.
B. By an examination authorized by the proper officer of a lodge.
C. By one Mason definitely stating to another whom he knows to be a Master Mason that he vouches for a third brother then and there present with them as a Master Mason in good standing. The Mason who is vouching for the visitor shall state the manner in which he acquired the knowledge on which he makes the avouchment. [51-2].
D. By sitting together with an Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft during the conferring of their respective degree

REG. 59-2 MASTER.

Some, but not all, of the powers of the Master of a lodge which are also duties to be performed by him, or at his direction and under his supervision, are as follows:

16. After having opened his lodge, he may place any capable Master Mason in the East and permit him to confer any of the degrees, the Master being present. If any regular officer is absent, his office should be filled pro tempore by a Master Mason. [24-1.1; 45-12.2: 71-15].

REG. 84-4 HOW AND BY WHOM CONDUCTED.

Any of the ceremonies provided for in this chapter may be conducted by the Grand Lodge or by a subordinate lodge at the discretion of the Grand Master, but the Grand Master or his duly appointed representative shall preside. The lodge making the request for such ceremonies shall bear the entire expense thereof.

1. The Grand Lodge, or a subordinate lodge, shall be opened on the Degree of Entered Apprentice or Master Mason, the usual ceremonies conducted and instruction and information given relative to the special ceremonies to be conducted. The minutes shall be read, approved and the Grand Lodge or subordinate lodge shall be closed, after which the special ceremonies shall be conducted. The charter of the subordinate lodge need not be removed from the lodge hall if the special ceremony is conducted in another location. [13-3.7: 38-3.1: 41-8: 38-3.41.

The Committee recommended that the amendment group be approved.

The delegates rejected the amendment group.

Amendment Group 10

Submitted by Eagle Lodge No. 19.

This amendment would not allow obstructive motions.

REG. 36-4 OBSTRUCTIVE MOTIONS FORBIDDEN.

The formation of a committee of the whole, ~~the call for the previous question, and motions objecting to consideration of a matter, to lay upon the table, postpone action indefinitely, substitute one motion for another, recess and adjourn, and all are deemed~~ obstructive motions **and** are forbidden. This applies to subordinate lodges as well as the Grand Lodge. [Chapter 91].

The Committee recommended that this amendment group be ruled out of order.

The Grand Master ruled the amendment group out of order.

Report of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations

The following report of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations was received and entered on the record.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations met on September 15, 2018. The committee received the Petition for Charter of Lodge of the Nine Sisters UD, Raleigh, North Carolina.

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations met with the officers of Lodge of the Nine Sisters UD and examined documents accompanying the Petition for Charter. The Committee reviewed the documents submitted, talked with the officers present and are satisfied that they met the requirements of The Code relating to chartering of new

lodges. It is the committee's opinion that the Grand Lodge approve issuing a charter to Lodge of the Nine Sister UD to be known as Lodge of the Nine Sisters No. 773.

Motion: *The Committee on Charters and Dispensations moves that Lodge of the Nine Sisters UD be given the number 773 and that the following members are named as principal officers of the said lodge: John Gregory Wallace, Master; Matthew Nathaniel Parker, Senior Warden; Chance Brooks Corbin, Junior Warden, and directs a charter to be issued at cost plus the charter fee.*

Following the motion by the Committee Chair, and receiving a second, the motion to grant a charter for Lodge of the Nine Sisters was approved.

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations reviewed the request for a duplicate charter for St. John's Lodge No. 1. In their petition, they state their charter is illegible due to age. They have also made a request to retain the 1794 charter due to its history. The Code requires replaced charters be returned to the Grand Lodge.

Motion: *The Committee on Charters and Dispensation moves to grant the request of St. John's Lodge No. 1 for a duplicate charter to be issued at cost plus the replacement charter fee. This motion includes their request to have the old charter cancelled and returned to them as a "loan" as furniture of the lodge.*

Following the motion by the Committee Chair, and receiving a second, the delegates approved the motion.

We wish to take this opportunity to commend the officers and members of Lodge of the Nine Sisters, the District Deputy Grand Master, and the District Deputy Grand Lecturer for the fine work they have exhibited in the formation of this new lodge.

Respectfully submitted,
Committee on Charters and Dispensations

Presentation of Past District Deputy Grand Master and Past District Deputy Grand Lecturer Certificates

Grand Master Speed Hallman, presented the Past District Deputy Grand Master and Past District Deputy Grand Lecturer Certificates to the brethren whose terms expired in December 2018. A list of those who received the certificates is found in the Final Report of Grand Master Hallman in these proceedings.

Final Report of the Board of General Purposes

The following final report of the Board of General Purposes was received and entered on the record.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Board of General Purposes has held regular meetings pursuant to the provisions of The Code, such meetings having been held on December 1, 2017; March 2, 2018; May 18, 2018; and September 27, 2018. The December meeting was held at the Eagle Lodge 19, Hillsborough, North Carolina. The March and May meetings

were held in the Grand Lodge Executive Office Building, Raleigh, North Carolina. The September meeting was held at the Winston-Salem Marriott Hotel, Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

At each regular meeting of the Board, reports were made by the Grand Master, the Grand Treasurer, the Grand Secretary, the Chairman of the Finance Committee, the President of the North Carolina Masonic Foundation, Inc., and by other members of the Board of General Purposes relative to the various activities of the Grand Lodge.

At the meeting on September 27, 2018, action was taken relative to the distribution of the Report of the Grand Master, the several sections of the same being referred to the appropriate Board, Committee or Commission.

Board of General Purposes

The Deputy Grand Master nominated Robert E. Gresham, Jr, PGM (Albemarle 703), and Russell E. Bridges, PM (Hibriten 262), as members of the Board of General Purposes for terms of three (3) years expiring in 2021 and Benjamin G. Wallace, PM (Blackmer 127), for an unexpired term expiring in 2019.

The Grand Lodge confirmed the nominations.

Nomination of Member of the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Masonic Foundation Inc.

Pursuant to the provisions of their by-laws, the Deputy Grand Master nominated Michael A. Faulkenbury (St. John's 1) for a 5 year term expiring in 2023 as a member of the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Masonic Foundation, Inc.

The Grand Lodge confirmed the nomination.

Board of Custodians

The Deputy Grand Master appointed Thomas P. Dolinger, CL (PP Turner 746), and David H. Troxell CL (Laurinburg 305), as members of the Board of Custodians for a three (3) year term expiring in 2021.

Election of Trustees of the Drewry Memorial Grand Secretary's Fund

Pursuant to the provisions of the Trust, the Deputy Grand Master nominated James Luigi Ammons, of Millbrook 97, and D. Michael May, of Green Level 277, as Trustees of the Drewry Memorial Grand Secretary's Fund.

The Grand Lodge confirmed the nominations.

Election of Members of the Board of Directors of WhiteStone, Inc.

Pursuant to the provisions of their by-laws, the Deputy Grand Master nominated the following members of the Board of Directors of WhiteStone (Masonic and Eastern Star Home of North Carolina, Inc.), with terms expiring as shown:

2021 – Michael J. Fischer, (Kernersville 669)

2021 – Tommy R. Mills (Green Level 277)

2021 – K. Wayne Southern (Revolution 552)

(Note: Junior Grand Warden as an observer)

The Grand Lodge confirmed the nominations.

**Election of Members of the Board of Directors of the
Masonic Home for Children at Oxford, Inc.**

Pursuant to the provisions of their by-laws, the Deputy Grand Master nominated the following members of the Board of Directors of the Masonic Home for Children at Oxford, Inc., with terms expiring as shown:

2021 – Jon W. Welborn (Statesville 27)

2021 – Dewey R. Preslar, PGM (Andrew Jackson 576)

Junior Grand Warden-elect as an observer

The Grand Lodge confirmed the nominations.

**Representative to the
George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association**

The Deputy Grand Master nominated R. David Wicker (Oak Grove 750) as Representative to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association.

The Grand Lodge confirmed the nomination.

**Representative to the
Masonic Service Association**

The Deputy Grand Master nominated Larry B. Thompson, Jr (Blackmer 127), as Representative to the Masonic Service Association.

The Grand Lodge confirmed the nomination.

Lodge Service Commission

The Deputy Grand Master appointed William L. Mills, III, PDGM (Stokes 32), as a member of the Lodge Service Commission for a term of five (5) years, expiring in 2023.

Code Commission

The Deputy Grand Master appointed J. David Abernathy, PM, of Hickory 343, as a member of the Code Commission for a term of five (5) years, expiring in 2023.

**Election of Members of the
Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence**

Pursuant to the provisions of Regulation 34-1, the Deputy Grand Master nominated the following as members of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence for terms expiring as shown:

2021 – Howard Kahn, PM (Semper Fidelis 680)

2021 – A. Gene Cobb, Jr., PGM (Royal White Hart 2)

2021 – David R. Ellis, PM (Mt. Lebanon 117)

2021 – Eric N. Greene, PM (Ashler 373)

The Grand Lodge confirmed the nominations.

Election of Members of the Committee on Finance

Pursuant to the provisions of Regulation 34-3, the Deputy Grand Master nominated the following members of the Committee on Finance for terms expiring as shown:

- 2021 – Michael R. Smith (Angier 686)
 - 2021 – Albert E. Hopping (William G. Hill 218)
 - 2021 – Jeffrey D. McEwen (Charles M. Setzer 693)
 - 2020 – Mark N. Bagley (Meadow Branch 578)
- The Grand Lodge confirmed the nominations.*

Committee on Appeals

The Deputy Grand Master nominated Brian M. Bullard, of Mt. Olive 208, as a member of the Committee on Appeals for a term of five (5) years, expiring in 2023.

The Grand Lodge confirmed the nomination.

Committee on Subordinate Lodge Special Activities

Pursuant to the provisions of Regulation 32-1, the Deputy Grand Master nominated William C. Barrett, IV, of Mt. Lebanon 117 as a member of the Committee on Subordinate Lodge Special Activities for a term of five (5) years, expiring in 2023.

The Grand Lodge confirmed the nomination.

Judge Advocate

Pursuant to the provisions of Regulation 17-9, the Deputy Grand Master nominated James R. Stevens, Jr. (Garner 701), as Judge Advocate for a two year term expiring in 2020.

Officers Appointed by the Grand Master-Elect

- Kevan D. Frazier. (118)..... Senior Grand Deacon
- Donald E. Kehler (409)..... Junior Grand Deacon
- Robert W. Rideout (155)..... Grand Marshal
- Steve M. Norris (727)Grand Steward
- Gilbert D. Bailey.....Grand Steward
- Guy E. Cline (363).....Grand Tyler
- Richard A. Williams (576).....Grand Chaplain
- Ludwik J. Wodka (198).....Grand Historian
- Dalton W. Mayo, PGM (98)..... Grand Lecturer
- A. Gene Cobb, Jr., PGM (2)..... Grand Orator

The Board of Publication of the North Carolina Mason

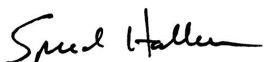
On nomination, and duly seconded, the Deputy Grand Master nominated Dwight S. Decoskey (314) as a member of the Board of Publication for a term of five (5) years, expiring in 2023.

Elected by the Board of General Purposes

Respectfully submitted,
T. Walton Clapp
Grand Secretary

Grand Lodge Closed in Ample Form

There being no further business to come before the Grand Lodge, the minutes were read and approved, and the Grand Lodge closed in ample form.



Speed Hallman
Grand Master

Attest:

I certify that the foregoing Proceedings are a true and correct record of the official transaction of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, at the communication held on September 22-23, 2018, and that they were prepared by me from detailed minutes of that communication, and were published under my supervision.



T. Walton Clapp, III
Grand Secretary

**Emergent
Communications
of the
Grand Lodge
Held During the Term
of
Grand Master
Speed Hallman**

Emergent Communications

An Emergent Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons of North Carolina was held in the Eagle Lodge No. 19, Hillsborough, North Carolina, on Friday, December 1, 2017, with the following present:

Grand Lodge Officers pro-temp

Bro. Ollie William Faison, Jr. (19) as Grand Master
 Bro. Bruce Edward Gordon (19) as Deputy Grand Master
 Bro. James Daryl Floyd (19) as Senior Grand Warden
 Bro. Raul Enrique Herrera (19)..... as Junior Grand Warden
 Bro. Adam Russell Cloniger (19) as Grand Treasurer
 Bro. Jeffrey Allen Borcik (19) as Grand Secretary
 Bro. Joseph Edward Major (19)..... as Senior Grand Deacon
 Bro. Mirislav Iordanov Gavazov (19)..... as Junior Grand Deacon
 Bro. John Stephen Serdensky (19) as Grand Steward
 Bro. Alfred Richard Serff (19) as Grand Steward
 Bro. Daniel Edmund Berglund (19)..... as Grand Chaplain
 Bro. Howard Ray Copple (19) as Grand Tyler

The Grand Lodge was opened in Due Form by W. Brother O. William Faison, Jr, acting Grand Master, who announced the purpose of this Emergent Communication was called for the purpose of the installation of the Grand Lodge Officers elected and appointed for the ensuing year.

The Grand Lodge installation was held at The Carolina Inn, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, on December 2, 2017. The pro-temp officers served as the pro-temp officers of the Grand Lodge for the Installation Ceremony.

Brother A. Gene Cobb, Jr., Grand Master, gave the Address of Welcome. Further welcome was given from the Board of Trustees of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill by William A. Keyes IV, Secretary of the Board. The North Carolina Highway Patrol Honor Guard presented the nation's colors, which was followed by the Hillsborough Assembly #77 Order of Rainbow for Girls leading the Pledge of Allegiance. A medley of the North Carolina State Toast and toast to the Old North State was led by Bland Simpson, Kenan Distinguished Professor of English and Creative Writing.

The Grand Lodge Officers were ushered by Knights of St. Andrew, Valley of Greensboro AASR. The Installing Officer Lewis R. Ledford, PGM; Grand Marshal, Gene T. Jernigan, PGM; R.W. Jimmie B. Hicks, Jr., Assistant Marshal; Chaplain, Chesley M. Greene, PM; and installing secretary, Michael C. Kenlan, PM, installed the following Grand Lodge Officers:

M.W. Charles Speed Hallman.Grand Master
 R.W. Dwight MacLauchlin Sigmon Deputy Grand Warden
 R.W. Paul Shaun Bradshaw Senior Grand Warden
 R.W. Ralph David Wicker, Jr..... Junior Grand Warden
 M.W..... Lewis R. Ledford, PGM.....Grand Treasurer
 R.W. T. Walton Clapp, III Grand Secretary
 W..... Larry Bogan Thompson, Jr..... Senior Grand Deacon
 W. Kevan Delaney Frazier Junior Grand Deacon
 W. Donald Edward Kehler Grand Marshal

W.	Robert Wayne Rideout	Grand Steward
W.	Steve Marion Norris	Grand Steward
W.	James Grady Jones, Jr.	Grand Chaplain
W.	Donald McLean Helton	Grand Lecturer
W.	John Williams Speed, II	Grand Tyler

The following officers were introduced but not required to be installed:

W.	Michael W. Brantley	Grand Historian
W.	J. Luigi Ammons	Grand Lecturer
W.	Dan Charles Rice, PGM	Grand Orator
W.	James Robert Stevens	Judge Advocate

The apron was presented to the Grand Master by Lewis R. Ledford, PGM.

Grand Master A. Gene Cobb, Jr., was presented the Past Grand Master's jewel by Past Grand Master Bryant D. Webster, PGM.

The Grand Master presented his installation remarks (enclosed) and recognized his distinguished guests present. The Grand Master thanked the Knights of St. Andrew for their service as ushers for the event and Brother Johnny Surles and Bobby Meadows as directors for the occasion.

Music for the occasion was performed by Steve Barrell.

The purpose for which this Emergent Communication was called, having been accomplished, the Grand Lodge was closed in Due Form.

T. Walton Clapp, PM
Grand Secretary

Installation remarks of Speed Hallman

Past Grand Masters, Grand officers, cherished brethren, Mr. Keyes, and family and friends:

It's a joy to be with you this morning, on this significant occasion for our Grand Lodge and for the 2018 officers. We thank you for sharing this day with us.

Susan and I have been preparing for this day for a while, and at some point she commented that it's like planning a wedding. As with so many things she says, there's great wisdom behind the quip. We officers just made a vow. We stood at an altar and swore that we would be faithful to the duties of our offices. We pledged to give our very best to 37,000 Masons – that's Masons, not members – in 368 lodges across this great state that we love so very much.

Each of us has a learning curve as we assume our new duties, from Steve Norris, the new man who brings more leadership experience to his position than anyone I know, to Mack Sigmon, who has been a true and valued and knowledgeable mentor to me over the years.

I have been absolutely dazzled by the diverse skills, the knowledge and the energy that our officers bring to the table, to address whatever tough issue has been before us. I'm grateful for every one of these men. Each brings brains and heart and soul to the job, and I'm thankful that I can call on any one of them at any time for any reason.

Today is about celebration and togetherness for the officers and their loved ones. The loved ones know what the other 364 days are like. I've been with these men many times, late at night, in all kinds of weather, in meetings well over a hundred miles from

home, and have exchanged phone calls, texts and emails with them in the wee hours. They are always giving their very best, whether it's working through a Grand Lodge problem, or coming up with a way to assist a subordinate lodge, or lifting a brother in crisis. Brethren of the grand line, I sleep better at night knowing you are there.

Our Grand Lodge always seem to have been led by the right Grand Master at the right time. I'm thankful for my apprenticeships with Grand Masters Ledford, Gresham, Preslar, Mayo, Caudle, Webster, and Cobb. They are exemplary leaders, and I'll do my best to apply what I have learned from them.

Grand Master Cobb, I'm especially grateful to you. You are a teacher. This year you've helped me understand what it means to be Grand Master, and it has been a privilege to serve with you.

Grand Master Ledford, I appreciate the opportunity to serve. It is an honor to be installed by you, and to install you as Grand Treasurer.

Grand Master Ledford appointed me to the line, and GM Charles Lewis appointed him to the line, which means both would have prominent roles in this installation. Grand Master Lewis was to be our installing marshal today but he has been hospitalized and we are keeping him in our thoughts and prayers. Thank you, Grand Master Gene Jernigan, for stepping into that role. You always answer when I ask for help, and never turn me down.

When Grand Master Ledford asked me to meet him for lunch back in 2010, he said it was about "a grand lodge project." It sounded mundane but instead he came with a bombshell – he wanted to appoint me to the grand line. I told him I'd have to talk it over with Susan. She is wise and got right to the heart of it, as always. She said, if you love the organization, you don't say no to this.

It is all about love. We Masons cultivate an environment of brotherly love, relief and truth. Those of us who are Christians strive to live up to the fundamental commandment to love the Lord, and love your neighbor as yourself. Every faith believes in love. Love, and inner light, are universal.

And brotherly love is real. To my Masonic brethren, you all have given me so much more than I have given you. The brethren of Eagle Lodge, in particular, have lifted me and kept me grounded at the same time. That's Masonic magic. The brethren of Eagle have worked nights and weekends to prepare for this installation, and I thank you for that and for the many ways you show your love.

It was at Eagle where I discovered the indissoluble chain of sincere affection. We say it unites men of every country, sect, and opinion, and conciliates true friendship among those who might otherwise have remained at a perpetual distance. It is true. Peace and harmony can come naturally, and easily, to men of diverse political outlook and religious practice. I would like for the rest of the world to have what we have at Eagle Lodge and in all of our lodges. Tuesday night I sat in Eagle Lodge with men from four continents, good men I would never have known, and we met on the level and parted on the square.

It was at Eagle, in that great old building, where I realized that the building is not the lodge. We are the lodge. The building is just our classroom for insight, our laboratory for self-awareness, our locus for warm memories of departed brothers.

Today in this room there's an empty chair in the grand east for departed brethren. It's from the old Henry F. Grainger Lodge #412 in Oxford. Our Grand Tyler, my first cousin Johnny Speed, is a member of that lodge. So were his father John Speed, and our grandfather Charles Speed, whose family Bible is opened on the altar. The empty chair is for them, and for our cousin Tom Speed, and for my coach at Eagle Lodge, Jake Jacobs, and for the brethren we all most ardently wish to be here, and who are here. I know Tom is, and Jake is.

There is also a candle burning in the east for the members of my family and for

yours who are with us in spirit.

My brethren, I am grateful for this opportunity to serve, and I will give you my best.

I must thank the brethren of Eagle Lodge once more for their support. And I thank my brethren at Kilwinning Lodge in Wadesboro who have welcomed us with warmth and open arms. I was in lodge at Kilwinning on moving day – before the movers had even finished bringing in our furniture – right, Susan? – thanks to Mike Register, who was speaking there that night and came by and took me to lodge.

We could not have made it through this day without the cool and expert direction of Worshipful Brothers Johnny Surles and Bobby Meadows. Brethren, Susan and I thank you for making this event not only possible, but enjoyable.

Thank you, Bland Simpson, for sharing your talents during a very busy time in the semester, and adding luster to this occasion. You are a priceless Tar Heel gem, on land, sea and the airwaves.

Bro. Steve Barrell, you are a musically blessed and erudite brother, and I appreciate the many gifts you share with our fraternity.

Please join me in showing our appreciation for today's music.

I'm grateful for the presence and participation of the North Carolina Highway Patrol Honor Guard, and for their service on our behalf every single day and night, all over the state. I salute you. The honor guard is here in honor of my uncle, Col. Charles A. Speed, a former commander of the patrol.

Thank you, Knights of St. Andrew and Hillsborough Assembly #77.

Worshipful Brother Johnny Surles, please escort a very important person to the grand east. *[Susan Hallman was escorted to the East, where the Grand Master thanked her for her support through the years]*

I'll ask Grand Chaplain Jim Jones to offer a closing prayer, followed by the closing charge from WB Johnny Surles. We will stay in our places for the charge, and Susan and I will exit immediately after the charge and greet you at the reception outside.

Brother Grand Chaplain, lead our devotion.

I now declare this installation closed. Worshipful Brother Johnny Surles, deliver the closing charge.

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Subordinate Lodges

Grand Lodge of AF & AM of North Carolina

*Listing
Key*

*Lodge (District)
Town
Meeting Night
M-Master
S-Secretary*

St John's 1 (12) Wilmington 2nd Tuesday M-Larry C. Brown S-James C. Frost	Johnston Caswell 10 (8) Warrenton 1st Monday M-Robert H. Carroll S-G. Alvin Fleming	Stokes 32 (28) Concord 2nd Monday M-Michael P. Davis S-Edward R. Trammell
Royal White Hart 2 (8) Halifax 3rd Tuesday M-Suiter L. Harlow Jr S-Wilbur A. Garner	Caswell Brotherhood 11 (22) Yanceyville 2nd Thursday M-Benjamin B. Fleetwood S-Michael G. Adkins	Davie 39 (5) Ahoskie 1st & 3rd Thursday M-Orrin C. Harrell S-B. Stephen Hoggard
St. John's 3 (7) New Bern 2nd & 4th Wednesday M-David A. Daniels S-David M. Sawyer	St. John's 13 (11) Kenansville 1st Thursday M-Owen S. Davis S-Herbert Earl Stroud	Hiram 40 (15) Raleigh 1st & 3rd Monday M-Robert P. Eisenhardt S-John S. Mahoney
St. John's 4 (10) Kinston 2nd & 4th Monday M-Christopher R. Raines S-Danny T. Davis	American George 17 (5) Murfreesboro 1st & 3rd Monday M-Arthur L. Horton S-E. Wayne Futrell	Liberty 45 (33) Wilkesboro 1st Thursday M-Robert E. Doyle S-Steven T. Brown
Charity 5 (5) Windsor 4th Thursday M-Archie C. Hassell S-Brian K. Phelps	Eagle 19 (19) Hillsborough 2nd & 4th Tuesday M-Bruce E. Gordon S-Jeffrey A. Borcik	Hall 53 (1) Shawboro 1st Wednesday M-Johnathan G. Kight S-Wayne R. Lambertson Sr
Unanimity 7 (1) Edenton 2nd & 4th Thursday M-William E. Potts S-Stephen E. White	Statesville 27 (30) Statesville 1st & 3rd Tuesday M-Gerald M. Reynolds S-R. Kevin Combs	Concord 58 (9) Tarboro 2nd & 4th Tuesday M-Payton B. Owens S-E. Ray Rogister
Phoenix 8 (17) Fayetteville 2nd Tuesday M-John T. Frazier S-Robert J. Nunes	Phalanx 31 (32) Charlotte 2nd Tuesday M-Billie C Stout II S-Michael S. Hamrick	Perseverance 59 (3) Plymouth 1st & 3rd Tuesday M-Phillip L. Baucom S-Harrison W. Phelps

Kilwinning 64 (29)

Wadesboro
2nd Thursday
M-Bryan K. Ratliff
S-Harold D. Dunlap

Widow's Son 75 (1)

Camden
1st Thursday
M-Marty E. Silverwood
S-Michael E. Alberson

Greensboro 76 (23)

Greensboro
2nd & 4th Thursday
M-Stephen L. Blair
S-Carl R. Hall

Zion 81 (7)

Trenton
1st & 3rd Thursday
M-Floyd A. Heath
S-Michael W. Harriett

Lafayette 83 (4)

Jacksonville
1st & 3rd Tuesday
M-Christopher M. Isenhardt
S-Russell E. Jones

Fellowship 84 (16)

Smithfield
1st & 3rd Thursday
M-Craig J. Lee
S-Grover T. Dees Sr

Morning Star 85 (9)

Nashville
2nd & 4th Tuesday
M-Milton C. Adcock II
S-David B. Wooten

Skewarkee 90 (5)

Williamston
2nd & 4th Tuesday
M-Eric M. Fitzgerald
S-Jason P. Steward

Western Star 91 (38)

Rutherfordton
1st Tuesday
M-Tracy L. Teal Sr
S-Douglas E. Tribou

Joseph Warren 92 (16)

Stantonsburg
1st Thursday
M-Larry T. Williford
S-Alex H. Ellis

Jerusalem 95 (6)

Hookerton
2nd Tuesday
M-Jeffrey K. Hall
S-Charlie L. Hall Sr

Millbrook 97 (14)

Raleigh
1st & 3rd Tuesday
M-Thomas Van Fahnestock
S-George C. Gillenwater

Hiram 98 (11)

Clinton
1st Tuesday
M-Stephen C. Matthis
S-Jerry R. Bradshaw

Fulton 99 (28)

Salisbury
2nd & 4th Thursday
M-William M. Guthrie
S-Jason S. Carpintero

Columbus 102 (20)

Pittsboro
1st Tuesday
M-Christian M. Campbell
S-Richard W. Whitfield

Orr 104 (3)

Washington
1st & 3rd Tuesday
M-Eddie D. Squires
S-Norman E. Hiatt

Perquimans 106 (1)

Hertford
1st & 3rd Tuesday
M-Clyde W. Overton Jr
S-Zeb W. Daneker

Franklin 109 (4)

Beaufort
1st & 3rd Monday
M-W. Keith Moore Jr
S-Steven G. Springle

Wayne 112 (10)

Goldsboro
1st & 3rd Monday
M-Philip L. Brogden
S-Michael A. Grantham

Person 113 (19)

Roxboro
2nd & 4th Tuesday
M-Michael L. Day
S-Charles W. Boyette

St. Alban's 114 (18)

Lumberton
1st Tuesday
M-William C. Townsend Jr
S-Tonnie L. Prevatte

Holly Springs 115 (15)

Holly Springs
2nd & 4th Tue Tuesday
M-David N. Morley
S-Donald W. Murphy

Mt. Lebanon 117 (16)

Wilson
1st & 3rd Monday
M- W. Charles Barrett IV
S-R. Edward Allen

Mt. Hermon 118 (39)

Asheville
1st Thursday
M-Joseph E. Silberman
S-Ronald N. Lambe

Oxford 122 (13)

Oxford
1st & 3rd Monday
M-Kevin C. Otis
S-Richard S. Weaver II

Franklinton 123 (13)

Franklinton
1st & 3rd Tuesday
M-Zachary S. Grissom
S-Ryland E. Grissom

Mill Creek 125 (11)

Newton Grove
1st & 3rd Thursday
M-Victor L. Smith
S-Earl A. Daughtry

Gatesville 126 (1)

Gatesville
1st & 3rd Thursday
M-Alfred T. Abramowski
S-D. Scott Powell

Blackmer 127 (24)

Mt. Gilead
1st & 3rd Tuesday
M-Shawn F. Brown
S-J. Stimpson McRae

Hanks 128 (24)

Franklinville
2nd Monday
M-D. Keith Eddins
S-Darren V. Layton

Dan River 129 (22)
Madison
1st & 3rd Monday
M-Edgar W. Barker Jr
S-William T. McCollum III

Radiance 132 (6)
Snow Hill
1st & 3rd Wednesday
M-Dallas A. Sutton
S-Bennie J. Heath

Mocksville 134 (27)
Mocksville
1st Tuesday
M-James C. Goforth
S-Paul Ressa

Leaksville 136 (22)
Eden
2nd & 4th Monday/
2nd Monday December
M-John P. Jones VI
S-Willie T. Turner Jr

Lincoln 137 (34)
Lincolnton
1st Monday
M- Phillip A. Franklin
S-Tommy R. Smith

King Solomon 138 (12)
Burgaw
3rd Monday
M-Nicholas E. Herring
S-Gary W. Stoehr

Mt. Vernon 143 (20)
Bonlee
3rd Tuesday
M-Timothy M. Willett
S-Alex G. Dunn Jr

Junaluskee 145 (41)
Franklin
1st Tuesday
M-Richard E. Cassidy
S-James L. McInnes

Cherokee 146 (41)
Ranger
1st Monday
M-Jeffrey C. Allore
S-Kenneth E. White

Palmyra 147 (20)
Dunn
1st Tuesday
M-Michael S. Campbell
S-Jonathan S. Johnson

Adoniram 149 (13)
Cornwall
1st Tuesday
M-Bret W. Tilley
S-Jeremy W. Vargo

Pee Dee 150 (29)
Norwood
1st & 3rd Thursday
M-Steven R. Cycotte
S-Wesley A. Faulkner

Sanford 151 (20)
Sanford
2nd & 4th Tuesday
M-Russell R. Townsend
S-Alexander D. Holder Jr

Scotch Ireland 154 (28)
Cleveland
2nd & 4th Tuesday
M-Robert J. Kepley
S-John C. Wahl

White Stone 155 (14)
Zebulon
2nd Wednesday
M-Earl W. Chancellor
S-Patrick M. McLaughlin

Knap Of Reeds 158 (19)
Bahama
1st & 3rd Wednesday
M-Dickson M. Clifford III
S-Kenneth E. Hill

Yadkin 162 (25)
Yadkinville
1st & 3rd Monday
M-Jason L. Casstevens
S-Paschal R. Dobbins

Archer 165 (14)
Zebulon
1st Saturday / 3rd Monday
M-Jimmy L. Hicks
S-James E. Blanks

Winston 167 (26)
Winston Salem
2nd Monday
M-Jerry R. Beck
S-Charles D. Sheets

Blackmer 170 (39)
Weaverville
2nd Tuesday
M-John T. Lewis
S-Paul T. Turner

Buffalo 172 (20)
Sanford
1st & 3rd Monday
M-Paul F. Kelly
S-Jonathan M. Kelly

Williams 176 (31)
Cornelius
1st Tuesday
M-Andrew R. Oliver
S-Clifton G. Weaver

Carthage 181 (21)
Carthage
2nd & 4th Tuesday
M-Leo G. Trepanier
S-Gary D. Bosworth

Central Cross 187 (9)
Spring Hope
1st Thursday
M-Joseph S. Batchelor
S-G. Mack Vester

Balfour 188 (24)
Asheboro
1st & 3rd Tuesday Jan-Jun/
3rd Tuesday Jul-Aug/
1st & 3rd Tuesday Sep-Dec
M-Robert J. Wiker
S-William J. Wiker II

Chadbourne 190 (18)
Chadbourne
2nd & 4th Tuesday
M-Larry E. Bass
S-George W. Baysden Jr

Granite 191 (16)
Clayton
2nd & 4th Tuesday
M-Adam A. Provenzano
S-Russell B. Ragland

Cary 198 (15)
Cary
1st & 3rd Monday
M-Juan C. Huerta
S-Robert E. Helms

Cleveland 202 (35)
Shelby
3rd Thursday
M-James S. Granger
S-Thomas G. Brooks Jr

Long Creek 205 (31)
Huntersville
2nd Monday
M-Brodie S. Butler
S-Joseph W. Sailors

Mingo 206 (11)

Dunn
1st Monday
M-Aaron B. Jackson
S-David M. Schroeder

Lebanon 207 (18)

Whiteville
1st Tuesday / 3rd Thursday
M-Kyle A. Duncan
S-Gary C. Bass

Mt. Olive 208 (10)

Mt. Olive
1st & 3rd Tuesday
M-Eugene T. Ferrell III
S-Christopher J. Weaver

Eno 210 (19)

Bahama
1st Tuesday
M-Larry B. Holder
S-Herbert C. Lyon

Thomasville 214 (27)

Thomasville
1st Tuesday
M-James A. Thomas
S-Ryan C. Elliott

Catawba Valley 217 (34)

Morganton
2nd Thursday
M-Michael R. Fisher
S-Michael J. Pritchard

William G. Hill 218 (14)

Raleigh
2nd Monday
M-Albert E. Hopping
S-Miles C. Davis Jr

Olin 226 (30)

Olin
2nd & 4th Thursday Jan-May/
Sep-Dec/
2nd Thursday Jun-Aug
M-Lawrence E. Cowan
S-Van D. Galliher

Henderson 229 (13)

Henderson
3rd Tuesday
M-Isaac H. Williamson
S-William V. Mustian

Corinthian 230 (9)

Rocky Mount
2nd Monday
M-Harold V. Stafford
S-Joseph T. Fuller

William T. Bain 231 (15)

Raleigh
1st Monday
M-William B. Shew Jr
S-Calvin A. Rogers Jr

Mystic Tie 237 (34)

Marion
1st Monday
M-Garrett C. Stanley
S-Jack A. Wood

Wiccacon 240 (5)

Harrellsville
2nd & 4th Thursday
M-Frank Fedock
S-Emitt C. Fuller

Grifton 243 (6)

Grifton
1st Wednesday
M-Gary L. Clements
S-A. Bruce Clements Jr

Monroe 244 (29)

Monroe
1st Thursday
M-Roger L. Clute Jr
S-George R. Katchue

Catawba 248 (34)

Newton
2nd & 4th Tuesday Jan-Nov /
2nd Tuesday Dec
M-Allen T. Davis
S-Curtis R. Sharpe Jr

Pythagoras 249 (12)

Southport
3rd Tuesday Jan-Nov/
2nd Tuesday Dec
M-John A. Lewis
S-Scott A. Rowe

Lee 253 (30)

Taylorsville
2nd & 4th Monday
M-Anthony J. Elder
S-John D. Pokrzywa

Kenly 257 (16)

Kenly
1st & 3rd Tuesday
M-Joe W. Baker
S-Ted Markham Sherrod

Fuquay 258 (15)

Fuquay Varina
1st & 3rd Tuesday
M-Edgar L. Rich II
S-J. Timothy Merritt

Waynesville 259 (40)

Waynesville
1st Monday
M-Gordon J. Sowder
S-John L. Allen

Excelsior 261 (32)

Charlotte
1st Monday
M-Phillip L. Brown
S-Scott D. Wilson

Hibriten 262 (34)

Lenior
1st Thursday
M-William T. Bridges Jr
S-S. Heath Snyder

Gaston 263 (36)

Dallas
2nd Monday
M-David S. Jones Sr
S-David A. Yelton

Farmington 265 (27)

Farmington
2nd Monday
M-Rusty L. McLelland
S-Craig P. Steelman

Dunn's Rock 267 (38)

Brevard
2nd & 4th Thursday
M-Melva R. Hearndon
S-W. Dana Hawkins

Tabasco 271 (23)

Gibsonville
1st & 3rd Tuesday
M-Jeffrey A. Shepherd
S-Gary L. Brant Jr

Bingham 272 (22)

Mebane
1st & 3rd Monday
M-Guy D. Rouse III
S-Charles M. Agnew

Beaver Dam 276 (29)

Marshville
2nd Tuesday
M-Richard E. Helms
S-Mark W. Whitley

Green Level 277 (15)

Cary
1st Tuesday
M-Scott A. Cook
S-Michael T. Prince

Wallace 279 (11)

Wallace
1st Monday
M-Michael E. Rivenbark
S-Michael D. Murphy

Wake Forest 282 (14)

Wake Forest
2nd & 4th Tuesday
M-Blase J. Kusterle III
S-David E. Davis

Eureka 283 (28)

China Grove
1st & 3rd Monday
M-Brian N. Gray
S-Jason P. Whitley

Greenville 284 (6)

Greenville
2nd Monday
M-Bryant L. Waters
S-Douglas G. Bostick

Salem 289 (26)

Winston Salem
1st Tuesday
M-Bryan C. Lee
S-Clifford T. Pranke

French Broad 292 (39)

Marshall
1st Monday
M-Larry D. Peek
S-Micheal D. Gahagan

Vance 293 (39)

Weaverville
3rd Monday
M-Jeffery H. Austin
S-Petty A. Burnette

Atlantic 294 (3)

Swan Quarter
1st & 3rd Thursday
M-Chadwick J. Spencer
S-H. Wayne Cox

Stonewall 296 (5)

Robersonville
3rd Monday
M-Michael C. Terry
S-James R. Carson Sr

Harmony 299 (30)

Harmony
2nd Mon Monthly@ 7:30 PM
M-William Allen Jones
S-William Jerry Campbell

Aurora 300 (7)

Aurora
2nd & 4th Monday
M-Clinton T. Martin
S-Gary W. Sawyer

Clay 301 (41)

Hayesville
3rd Monday
M-Carroll D. Roper
S-Kevin D. Roper

Lillington 302 (20)

Lillington
2nd Monday
M-Adam J. Mitchell
S-Eric K. Truesdale

Pleasant Hill 304 (10)

Deep Run
2nd & 4th Thursday
M-Wilson M. Sutton
S-Dexter G. Mills

Laurinburg 305 (21)

Laurinburg
1st & 3rd Tuesday
M-Michael A. Nobles
S-Paul A. Tate

Raeford 306 (21)

Raeford
4th Tuesday
M-Timothy A. Hawkes
S-Joseph M. McGraw

New Lebanon 314 (1)

South Mills
2nd Tuesday
M-James E. Nash
S-Michael A. Burnham

Eureka 317 (1)

Elizabeth City
1st & 3rd Tuesday Jan-May/
Sep-Dec/ 1st Tuesday Jun-Aug
M-Thomas L. Hobbs
S-Paul E. Miller

Wilmington 319 (12)

Wilmington
1st Tuesday
M-James T. Moore
S-Michael M. Hoff

Selma 320 (16)

Selma
1st & 3rd Tuesday
M-Michael S. Mooney
S-William J. Barham

Granite 322 (25)

Mt. Airy
3rd Tuesday
M-Todd S. Frye
S-W. Michael Payne

Bayboro 331 (7)

Bayboro
1st & 3rd Tuesday
M-Michael D. Spain
S-Henry D. Carawan

Fairview 339 (35)

Kings Mountain
2nd Monday
M-Jeffrey W. Ward
S-Aubrey L. Livsie

Harmony 340 (10)

Pikeville
2nd & 4th Thursday
M-William T. Laseter III
S-D. Douglas Lancaster

Hickory 343 (34)

Hickory
1st & 3rd Monday
M-Matthew A. Lineberger
S-Kevin D. Johnson

Numa F. Reid 344 (23)

High Point
2nd Monday
M-Horace G. Briggs
S-H. Michael Rinehardt

Stanly 348 (29)

Albemarle
3rd Tuesday
M-Randy C. Lovgren
S-James A. Burris

Durham 352 (19)

Durham
2nd Tuesday
M-Walter R. Allen
S-Cecil R. Lee

Fallston 356 (35)

Fallston
2nd Monday
M-James B. Camp
S-Mark E. Eaker

Bakersville 357 (37)

Bakersville
2nd & 4th Thursday
M-Elmer D. Garland
S-Robert M. Morgan

East LaPorte 358 (40)

Cullowhee
2nd & 4th Thursday
M-Ronald G. Story
S-Ronald E. Stephens

Mount Vernon 359 (7)

Oriental
2nd & 4th Tuesday
M-Frederick B. Davenport Jr
S-Robert A. Lyon

Snow 363 (33)

Boone
1st & 3rd Monday
M-Joshua J. Teague
S-Frank E. Guy

Gastonia 369 (36)

Gastonia
2nd Thursday
M-David A. Wall
S-Joe B. Waller

Ashler 373 (033)

Deep Gap
4th Monday Jan-Nov/
2nd Monday Dec
M-Keegan T. Watson
S-Richard K. Sloop

Campbell 374 (30)

Troutman
2nd & 4th Thursday
M-George S. Henline
S-Timothy A. Jones

State Line 375 (35)

Grover
2nd Tuesday
M-Brian K. Clark
S-William R. Peeler

Youngsville 377 (13)

Youngsville
3rd Thursday
M-Michael D. Walker
S-Donald B. King

Seaboard 378 (5)

Seaboard
1st Monday
M-Johnny G. Young
S-Frederick M. Hill

Coharie 379 (11)

Salemburg
2nd & 4th Thursday
M-Clint A. Boney
S-Thomas W. Tew

Granville 380 (13)

Wake Forest
1st Thursday
M-Glen A. Darch
S-Gregory W. Huling

Forest City 381 (38)

Forest City
2nd & 4th Tuesday
M-Timmy D. Edwards
S-Dewey H. Webb

Jefferson Penn 384 (22)

Reidsville
1st & 3rd Tuesday
M-Eddie B. Needham
S-Michael D. Smith

Pigeon River 386 (40)

Canton
2nd Thursday
M-Jerry D. Hoglen
S-Gary D. Teague

Kedron 387 (38)

Hendersonville
1st & 3rd Monday Jan-Aug/
3rd Monday Sep/
1st & 3rd Monday Oct-Dec
M-Edward M. Osteen
S-Claude F. Laughter

Friendship 388 (35)

Boiling Springs
4th Monday Jan-Nov/
2nd Monday Dec
M-Jerry E. Lail
S-Eddie W. Bridges

Copeland 390 (25)

Dobson
2nd Thursday
M-Robert L. Jackson Jr
S-Christopher A. Ford

Lebanon 391 (17)

Hope Mills
1st Thursday
M-Charles W. Everitte
S-Jeffrey L. Wade

Orient 395 (12)

Wilmington
1st Thursday
M-Karston J. Millinor
S-Frederick A. Szakasits

Bald Creek 397 (37)

Burnsville
2nd Thursday
M-Ivan E. Taffer
S-John F. Renfro

Joppa 401 (34)

Old Fort
2nd & 4th Monday
M-Frank F. Nederostek
S-Winston A. Riddle

Siler City 403 (20)

Siler City
1st & 3rd Thursday
M-Atiq Ur-Rehman Chaudhry
S-Mial R. Tidy Jr

Denton 404 (27)

Denton
1st & 3rd Tuesday
M-Jason L. Parker
S-M. Kirby Matthews Jr

Ocean 405 (4)

Morehead City
2nd & 4th Tuesday
M-Michael E. Pavone Jr
S-W. Chester Garner

N. Wilkesboro 407 (33)

N. Wilkesboro
2nd Monday
M-Robert L. Handy
S-Christopher E. Slane

University 408 (19)

Chapel Hill
3rd Monday
M-Jeffrey J. Troccoli
S-Josephus D. Ferguson Jr

Bula 409 (022)

Burlington
2nd & 4th Monday Jan-Nov/
2nd Monday Dec
M-Matthew W. Cockman
S-E. Bruce Reaves Jr

Bailey 411 (9)

Bailey
2nd Monday
M-Donnie K. Dew
S-Horace M. Meacomes Jr

Henry F. Grainger 412 (13)

Oxford
3rd Tuesday
M-Danny E. Keeton
S-Kenneth W. Wilson

James A. Johnson 413 (13)

Louisburg
4th Tuesday
M-Arthur L. Langley
S-Howard L. Moore

Maxton 417 (18) Maxton 1st Monday M-Joseph D. Hill S-Richard S. Lowry Jr	Vanceboro 433 (7) Vanceboro 2nd & 4th Tuesday M-Dennis A. Dixon S-John I. Gray Jr	Dillsboro 459 (40) Sylva 3rd Thursday M-Steven J. Rice S-George F. Durden
Pendleton 418 (5) Pendleton 2nd & 4th Tuesday M-George L. Baker S-Philip A. Williams	West Bend 434 (26) Lewisville 3rd Tuesday M-Zachary L. Rothrock S-Phillip L. Wynne	Cliffside 460 (38) Cliffside 2nd & 4th Monday M-Matthew L. Waugh S-Ransome H. Epley
Harmon 420 (25) Yadkinville 3rd Thursday M-Paschal R. Dobbins S-Grant F. Trivette	Blue Ridge 435 (41) Highlands 3rd Thursday M-Ronald A. Hensley S-J.David Cashion	Matthews 461 (32) Matthews 2nd Thursday M-Wyman R. Kirkland Jr S-Edward J. Steel
Sparta 423 (33) Sparta 1st Thursday M-Ricky L. Crouse S-Robert M. Haas	Biscoe 437 (24) Biscoe 2nd & 4th Thursday M-Carl W. Brown S-Kevin L. McNeill	South Fork 462 (36) Cramerton 2nd Tuesday M-Zachary T. Bryson S-Michael D. Young
Montgomery 426 (41) Ranger 1st Tuesday M-David E. Poole S-Stanley R. Smith	Marble Springs 439 (41) Marble 1st Saturday M-Carl J. Palmer S-Bobby R. Welch	Currituck 463 (1) Coinjock 2nd Monday M-David A. Wigley S-Shane E. Snedecor
Oconee 427 (40) Bryson City 1st & 3rd Monday M-Joseph P. Atzenhoffer S-Oliver R. Piercy	Marietta 444 (24) Ramseur 3rd Monday M-Jody M. Ferree S-Clay F. Andrews	Grassy Knob 471 (30) Olin 1st & 3rd Thursday M-Richard S. Eades S-Stephen C. Souther
Stokesdale 428 (23) Stokesdale 1st & 3rd Tuesday M-Richard L. Murphy S-Mark M. N. Vickers	Biltmore 446 (39) Asheville Every Tuesday M-Thomas O. McCall Jr S-Curtis J. Hipps	Sonoma 472 (40) Waynesville 1st Thursday M-Rufus W. Allison Jr S-James M. Henson Jr
Seaside 429 (4) Swansboro 2nd & 4th Monday M-William S. Partington S-Gregory D. Padgett	Enfield 447 (8) Enfield 3rd Monday M-Ernest Earl Jones Jr S-Kenneth H. Branch	Lexington Memorial 473 (27) Lexington 1st & 3rd Thursday M-Joseph S. O'Neill S-Thomas J. Jolly
Relief 431 (16) Benson 2nd & 4th Tuesday M-Matthew B. Moore S-James S. Norris Jr	Clyde 453 (40) Clyde 2nd Tuesday M-James M. Rogers S-Robert J. Sellers	St. Pauls 474 (18) St. Pauls 1st Tuesday M-Robert L. Milliron II S-Duncan V. Mackie
Piney Creek 432 (33) Piney Creek 2nd Tuesday M-William W. Caudill Jr S-Gregory A. Wagoner	Elkin 454 (25) Elkin 2nd Tuesday M-Louis A. Jeroslow S-Charles T. Wheeler III	Grimesland 475 (6) Grimesland 1st Tuesday M-Ephraigm S. Smith S-Kendall A. Paramore

Rainbow 479 (7)
Arapahoe
1st & 3rd Monday
M-Charles D. Banks
S-Glenwood T. Tyndall Jr

Polk County Unity 482 (38)
Saluda
1st & 3rd Thursday
M-John W. Johnston III
S-Thomas D. Kell

Traphill 483 (33)
Traphill
1st & 3rd Tuesday Jan-Nov
M-Hardin C. Kennedy III
S-James C. Alexander

Southern Pines 484 (21)
Southern Pines
1st & 3rd Monday
M-Douglas T. Carter
S-Henson E. Maples

Lawndale 486 (35)
Lawndale
2nd Thursday
M-Datus C. Gordon
S-Paul A. Aulbach

Linville 489 (37)
Newland
2nd & 4th Thursday
M-Steven N. Wilson
S-Tommy L. Singleton

Hominy 491 (39)
Candler
2nd Tuesday
M-Gregory A. Medford
S-Richard D. Pinkerton Sr

Thomas M. Holt 492 (22)
Graham
1st & 3rd Thursday
M-Jason B. Simons
S-Todd E. Smith

Pilot 493 (025)
Pilot Mountain
2nd Monday
M-Dean R. Gordon
S-Homer T. Dearmin

Rockingham 495 (21)
Rockingham
1st & 3rd Monday
M-Leon Johnson Jr
S-Bobby E. Mumford

Mooreville 496 (30)
Mooreville
2nd & 4th Tuesday
M-Gerard H. Gould
S-David N. Wendt

Royal Hart 497 (8)
Littleton
2nd & 4th Monday
M-Robert D. Rivers Jr
S-John J. Peedin

Ayden 498 (6)
Grifton
3rd Tuesday
M-Billy R. Jackson
S-Barry S. Wood

Creedmoor 499 (13)
Creedmoor
2nd & 4th Monday
M-Dwayne R. Chappell
S-Steven A. Haskins

Raleigh 500 (14)
Raleigh
3rd Tuesday
M-Randy A. Mason
S-W. Mirl Austin

Red Springs 501 (18)
Red Springs
2nd Thursday
M-Frank G. Bounds
S-James W. Melvin

Cookville 502 (34)
Vale
1st Tuesday
M-John E. Arney III
S-Dan B. Beal

Cherryville 505 (36)
Cherryville
1st Monday
M-Mark W. Davis
S-Jerry R. Walker

Belhaven 509 (3)
Belhaven
2nd & 4th Tuesday
M-William R. Askew Jr
S-Johnny M. Smith

Whetstone 515 (36)
Bessemer City
4th Tuesday Jan-Nov/
3rd Tuesday Dec
M-Jonathan E. Lineberger
S-Joel T. Wolfe

Farmville 517 (6)
Farmville
2nd Thursday
M-Robin C. Brady
S-Christopher L. Burti

Widow's Son 519 (8)
Roanoke Rapids
2nd & 4th Thursday
M-Kelton L. Stone
S-Daniel F. Harris

Manteo 521 (2)
Manteo
2nd & 4th Monday
M-Edward L. Mann Jr
S-J. O'Neal Combs

Rodgers 525 (9)
Middlesex
3rd Monday
M-James D. Davis
S-Jimmy H. Brantley

Lucama 527 (16)
Lucama
2nd Thursday
M-Tony R. Ferrell
S-Jeffery W. Lewis

Fairmont 528 (18)
Fairmont
3rd Monday
M-Marcus A. Sessoms
S-W. Scott Burriola

Andrews 529 (41)
Andrews
1st Monday
M-Jeffery W. Clark
S-Johnny D. Rogers

Hamlet 532 (21)
Hamlet
2nd & 4th Thursday Jan-Oct/
2nd Thursday Nov
M-David E. McCall
S-William P. Horne Jr

Camp Call 534 (35)
Polkville
3rd Monday
M-Carl A. Ogren III
S-Floyd E. Swofford

Hollis 535 (38)
Bostic
2nd Thursday
Charles D. Greene
Jasper L. Yelton

Corinthian 542 (23)
Greensboro
2nd & 4th Monday
M-Todd E. Cardille
S-Hugh L. McLaurin III

Spencer 543 (28)
Spencer
2nd & 4th Tuesday
M-John M. Ogden
S-John R. Hatley Jr

Mount Holly 544 (36)
Mt. Holly
1st & 3rd Monday
M-Thomas J. Hally
S-Robert W. Smith

Roman Eagle 550 (21)
Aberdeen
1st & 3rd Thursday
M-Jeffery W. Allen
S-W. Kim Styers

Glenville 551 (40)
Glenville
2nd Tuesday
M-Gregg L. Jones
S-John D. Cashion

Revolution 552 (23)
Greensboro
1st & 3rd Thursday
M-C. Todd Huffins
S-Gary R. Ballance

Vesper 554 (37)
Spruce Pine
1st Thursday
M-Nolan Shuford
S-Alvin C. Carpenter

Elise 555 (021)
Robbin
1st & 3rd Tuesday
M-William L. Montjoy
S-Dustin Q. Hussey

Neill S. Stewart 556 (20)
Erwin
2nd & 4th Tuesday
M-Robert A. Ennis
S-James W. Davis

Ararat 558 (25)
Ararat
4th Thursday Jan-Oct/
3rd Thursday Nov
M-Thomas K. Bryant Jr
S-Adam D. Atkins

Swannanoa 561 (39)
Swannanoa
1st Thursday
M-David L. Perkins
S-Johnny D. Sutphin

Waxhaw 562 (29)
Waxhaw
1st Tuesday
M-Bobby F. Hughes
S-Richard E. Shields Jr

Tabor 563 (18)
Tabor City
2nd & 4th Tuesday
M-Sean K. Mitchell
S-George A. Fipps Jr

Richlands 564 (4)
Richlands
1st & 3rd Thursday
M-Philip R. Mercer
S-David E. Butler

Wendell 565 (014)
Wendell
2nd & 4th Tuesday
M-P. Christopher Lee
S-Fred L. Puryear

Doric 568 (7)
New Bern
1st & 3rd Thursday
M-Ronald G. Ipock
S-Raymond C. Smith II

Snow Creek 571 (30)
Statesville
1st & 3rd Monday
M-Lloyd G. Weatherman
S-Ernest N. Sloan Jr

Mt. Pleasant 573 (33)
Wilkesboro
2nd Thursday
M-Derek R. Ellis
S-David S. Barlow

Andrew Jackson 576 (28)
Salisbury
1st & 3rd Thursday
M-Mark A. Steelman
S-R. Dennis Sims

Meadow Branch 578 (29)
Wingate
3rd Tuesday
M-Evan B. Stevens
S-M. Derry Simpson

Casar 579 (35)
Casar
1st Thursday
M-Brian G. Houser
S-Eric S. Newton

Ionic 583 (7)
Cove City
2nd & 4th Tuesday
M-Wesley P. Daughety
S-Benjamin F. Grady Jr

Apex 584 (15)
Apex
2nd & 4th Monday
M-Richard L. Kelso
S-M. Gary Shook

Roseboro 585 (11)
Roseboro
3rd Thursday
M-Worth H. Faircloth Jr
S-Bruce N. Rawls

Bethel 589 (6)
Greenville
1st Thursday
M-Gregory S. Giles
S-J. Wilbert Futrell

Lowell 590 (36)
Lowell
1st & 3rd Tuesday Jan-Jun/
3rd Tuesday Jul/
1st & 3rd Tuesday Aug-Dec
M-James W. Morgan III
S-Paul Walters Jr

Maiden 592 (34)
Maiden
2nd Mon Monthly@ 7:30 PM
M-Danny Lee Kiser
S-Robert Wayne Parker

Stony Point 593 (30)
Stony Point
2nd & 4th Tuesday
M-Robert J. E. Greene
S-Jerry L. Durmire

Ashe 594 (33)
West Jefferson
2nd & 4th Tuesday
M-James G. Judson
S-Jeffrey T. Jones

Waccamaw 596 (12)
Riegelwood
4th Monday
M-Samuel T. Crosby
S-Michael H. Mills

Cranberry 598 (37)

Elk Park
1st & 3rd Tuesday
M-Richard V. Puckett
S-Steve W. Gouge

Queen City 602 (9)

Rocky Mount
1st & 3rd Thursday
M-Gregory N. Flowers
S-J. Henry Lancaster

Riverside 606 (34)

Catawba
2nd & 4th Monday
M-Donald J. Allen
S-J. Ray Abernathy III

Atkinson 612 (12)

Atkinson
4th Monday
M-Allan F. Squires
S-Chadwick H. Dunson

Home 613 (10)

Fremont
2nd Monday
M-Waitus C. West
S-W. Darron Flowers

Round Peak 616 (25)

Mount Airy
1st Friday
M-James M. Bowden
S-W. Scott East

St. Patrick's 617 (16)

Princeton
1st & 3rd Wednesday
M-Joshua K. Bizzell
S-Bobby F. Wellons

Union 618 (28)

Midland
2nd Monday
M-John R. Nash
S-Thomas L. Nash Jr

John H. Mills 624 (13)

Henderson
2nd Thursday
M-Arthur J. Bell
S-Philip T. Grissom Jr

Cannon Memorial 626 (28)

Kannapolis
1st & 3rd Tuesday
M-Joshua R. Mueller
S-Thomas A. VanEtten

Belmont 627 (36)

Belmont
2nd Monday
M-Ray E. Willard
S-Larry E. Watts

Walnut Cove 629 (26)

Walnut Cove
1st & 3rd Tuesday
M-Gray A. Jarrell
S-John T. Craven

Goldsboro 634 (10)

Goldsboro
4th Monday
M-George L. Raecher
S-Earl A. Darling

Yadkin Falls 637 (29)

Badin
1st Monday
M-Bryan C. Lambert
S-David P. Blalock

Proctorville 643 (18)

Proctorville
2nd Monday
M-Christopher J. Rogers
S-James E. Britt

Bladen 646 (17)

Elizabethtown
2nd & 4th Monday
M-Michael L. Wyatt
S-Horace R. Wyatt

Nichols-W. Asheville 650 (39)

Asheville
3rd Monday
M-Warthen S. McAulay
S-Jack R. Barnett

Elberta 654 (21)

West End
1st & 3rd Tuesday
M-Lowell T. Hill
S-Tommy B. Greene

Guilford 656 (23)

Greensboro
1st & 3rd Monday
M-S. Chester Holder
S-Michael S. James

Keller Memorial 657 (28)

Rockwell
2nd & 4th Monday
M-Phillip M. York
S-Robert C. Peeler

Beulaville 658 (11)

Beulaville
1st & 3rd Tuesday
M-Gregg T. Houston
S-William G. Rhodes

Black Mountain 663 (39)

Black Mountain
1st Monday Jan-Jun/Aug-Dec/
2nd Monday Jul-Sep
M-Walter E. Hitch
S-C. Richard Patton

Ft. Bragg 667 (17)

Fayetteville
2nd Wednesday
M-Stephen A. McDaniel
S-William D. Ivey Jr

Kernersville 669 (26)

Kernersville
1st Monday
M-Clifford T. Shrewsbury
S-Chad E. Delp

Lovelady 670 (34)

Valdese
2nd Monday
M-Albert E. Minish Jr
S-Patrick A. Draughn

Robbinsville 672 (41)

Robbinsville
2nd Tuesday
M-Calvin L. Gladden
S-Jack A. Long

Acacia 674 (23)

High Point
1st Thursday
M-Samuel W. Hudson
S-Allen P. Jones III

Washington 675 (3)

Washington
1st & 3rd Monday
M-Gary D. Chrismon Jr
S-John W. Riffert Jr

Temple 676 (32)

Charlotte
1st Thursday
M-Joseph S. Zwemer
S-Charles L. Davidson

Providence 678 (3)

Columbia
2nd & 4th Thursday
M-Robert D. Ambrose
S-Ernest W. Spencer

Creasy Proctor 679 (17)

Fayetteville
2nd Tuesday
M-John M. Hall
S-Stephen A. McDaniel

Semper Fidelis 680 (4)

Jacksonville
2nd & 4th Wednesday
M-Howard Kahn
S-Lynn H. Thomas

Rolesville 683 (14)

Rolesville
1st & 3rd Thursday
M-David N. Lipford
S-Michael J. Spencer

Piedmont-Pioneer 685 (26)

Winston-Salem
1st Thursday
M-Cory D. Tarr
S-Joseph K. Transou

Angier 686 (20)

Angier
2nd & 4th Tuesday
M-Charles G. Adams III
S-Donald A. Bennett

Fellowship 687 (19)

Durham
2nd & 4th Thursday Jan-Oct/
2nd Thursday Nov
M-Paul W. Sprouse
S-Michael A. Adcock

Cherry Point 688 (7)

Havelock
1st & 3rd Thursday
M-Morton W. Sanford Jr
S-George E. Corbin

Scotland Neck 689 (8)

Scotland Neck
1st Tuesday
M-William B. Carroll Jr
S-Kenneth H. Branch

Mt. Moriah 690 (30)

Statesville
2nd & 4th Monday
M-Mathew L. Parker
S-Marty J. Byers

Renfro 691 (25)

Mt. Airy
3rd Monday
M-Merlin J. Scales
S-Phillip L. Easter

East Gate 692 (31)

Charlotte
1st Monday
M-Zephiran Q. Wester
S-James . Hill

Charles M. Setzer 693 (32)

Charlotte
3rd Monday Jan-Nov/
1st & 3rd Monday Dec
M-Ian B. Bittenbender
S-Joseph E. Merritt

Gate City 694 (23)

Greensboro
2nd & 4th Tuesday Jan-Nov/
2nd Tuesday Dec
M-Gregory R. Woodard
S-Gary R. Ballance

Allen Graham 695 (28)

Kannapolis
1st & 3rd Thursday
M-Rodney B. Hinson
S-James N. Bailey

Cape Hatteras 698 (2)

Buxton
2nd & 4th Wednesday
M-Bobby H. Cox
S-Christopher J. Tenpenny

Asheboro 699 (24)

Asheboro
1st & 3rd Thursday
M-Michael S. Johnston
S-R. Wayne Morton

Garner 701 (15)

Garner
2nd & 4th Monday Jan-Apr/Jun-Nov/
2nd Monday May & Dec
M-James W. Ferrell
S-James R. Stevens

St. Andrew 702 (31)

Charlotte
3rd Wednesday
M-John W. Moore III
S-Harvey W. Burgess

Albemarle 703 (29)

Albemarle
2nd & 4th Monday
M-Joseph A. Burris
S-Mark D. Mabe

Richard Caswell 705 (10)

Kinston
1st & 3rd Tuesday
M-John M. Garriss
S-David B. Roberson

Newport 706 (4)

Newport
2nd & 4th Monday
M-William J. Sidoran III
S-Wray A. Thomas

Forsyth 707 (26)

Winston-Salem
1st Wednesday
M-Richard M. Miller
S-Charles C. Jones

Crown Point 708 (6)

Greenville
2nd & 4th Thursday Jan-Oct/
2nd Thursday Nov & Dec
M-Ted D. Sauls Jr
S-Roy S. Selby

Conover 709 (34)

Conover
2nd & 4th Thursday Jan-Oct/Dec/
2nd Thursday Nov
M-Julian C. Setzer
S-Fred L. Sherrill Jr

Advance 710 (27)

Advance
2nd Tuesday
M-Rommie L. Barney
S-Joseph R. Suggs

Wilson 712 (16)

Wilson
2nd Tuesday
M-Robert E. Worton
S-William J. Fardy

Stanley 713 (36)

Stanley
3rd Monday
M-Larry R. Miller
S-Christopher S. Wyatt

Liberty 714 (24)

Liberty
1st Thursday
M-Darrell W. Bush
S-Roger L. Euliss

Derita 715 (31)

Charlotte
2nd Tuesday
M-Daniel S. Schuller
S-Thane R. Black

Burnsville 717 (37)

Burnsville
3rd Thursday
M-Richard E. Blevins
S-Larry D. Snyder

Troy 718 (24)
Troy
2nd Tuesday
M-William H. Reynolds
S-Daniel L. Morris

Cabarrus 720 (28)
Midland
1st Thursday
M-Matthew C. A. Paris
S-J. Scott Furr

King 722 (26)
King
3rd Thursday
M-Mark D. Thorpe
S-Larry E. Oakley

Winton 723 (5)
Winton
2nd & 4th Tuesday
M-Clifton W. Sexton
S-Sтивен R. Harris

Berne 724 (7)
New Bern
1st & 3rd Tuesday Jan-May/
3rd Tuesday Jun-Aug/
1st & 3rd Tuesday Sep-Dec
M-Aaron L. Clark
S-Richard L. Smith

Grantham 725 (7)
New Bern
1st & 3rd Tuesday Jan-May/
1st Tuesday Jun-Aug/
1st & 3rd Tuesday Sep-Dec
M-Randy L. Sweat
S-George E. Herring

Shallotte 727 (12)
Shallotte
2nd Tuesday
M-William E. Douglas
S-Randy D. Ward

Stedman 730 (17)
Stedman
1st Monday Jan-Aug/Oct-Dec/
2nd Monday Sep
M-Steven B. Dockery
S-Thomas A. Pope Jr

Bush Hill 732 (24)
Archdale
2nd Tuesday
M-Billy R. Foster
S-William D. Frazier

Stump Sound 733 (4)
Sneads Ferry
2nd & 4th Tuesday
M-Michael A. Tate
S-Robert J. McLaughlin

William Pitt 734 (6)
Greenville
1st Wednesday
M-William C. Harris
S-William F. Heath

James B. Green 735 (14)
Raleigh
2nd & 4th Tuesday
M-Terry L. Washam
S-Ronald C. Hollamon

New River 736 (4)
Jacksonville
2nd & 4th Thursday
M-James H. Kirtner Jr
S-Trent B. M. Meadows

Steele Creek 737 (32)
Charlotte
1st Monday
M-William H. Smith
S-R. Preston Teal II

West Gate 738 (31)
Charlotte
3rd Monday
M-Kenneth A. Davis
S-Gary L. Cooke

Newell 739 (31)
Newell
1st Monday Jan-Aug/Oct-Dec
2nd Monday Sep
M-Jeffrey L. Williams
S-Robert G. Amick

Charles B. Newcomb 740 (15)
Raleigh
3rd Thursday
M-Jeremy M. Grissom
S-Donald N. Chesson

Crissie Wright 741 (4)
Smyrna
1st & 3rd Thursday
M-David P. Ivester
S-D. Wayne Ivester

Mint Hill 742 (32)
Mint Hill
1st Thursday
M-Delmas B. Dalton
S-John C. Trail

J. J. Crowder 743 (14)
Raleigh
1st Thursday
M-Gabriel A. Hicks Jr
S-Fred M. Dean

Shelby 744 (35)
Shelby
1st Monday
M-Christopher T. Hawkins
S-Gregory S. McIntyre

Vandora 745 (15)
Garner
1st Thursday
M-Michael J. Crocker
S-John Paul J. Keon

P P Turner 746 (23)
Greensboro
1st Thursday Feb-Jun/Aug-Dec/
3rd Thursday Jan-Jul
M-Jack M. Callahan Jr
S-James E. Paschal

Ocracoke 747 (2)
Ocracoke
3rd Tuesday
M-Robert R. Despo
S-Donald J. Bachman

Truth 749 (29)
Monroe
2nd Monday
M-Timothy W. Outen
S-Dustin W. Aldridge

Oak Grove 750 (19)
Durham
3rd Monday
Dustin M. Allen
Thomas G. Simmons

Old Town 751 (26)
Winston Salem
3rd Tuesday
M-Dewey C. Bodenhamer Jr
S-Scott T. Horn

Enterprise 752 (27)
Clemmons
2nd Monday
M-Michael R. Simerson
S-Timothy P. Craver

Federal Point 753 (12)
Carolina Beach
4th Tuesday Jan-Nov/
2nd Tuesday Dec
M-Michael J. Morgan
S-J. Michael Seigh

Clemmons 755 (26)

Clemmons
1st Monday
M-Wesley G. Walker
S-Anthony Papineau

Clifford Duell 756 (17)

Fayetteville
3rd Monday Jan-Nov/
1st Monday Dec
M-William L. Walker
S-Nick D. Yakas

Denver 757 (34)

Denver
3rd Tuesday Jan-Nov/
1st Tuesday Dec
M-Michael N. Gabriel
S-Kenneth G. Carnley

Oak Island 758 (12)

Oak Island
3rd Thursday Jan-Nov/
2nd Thursday Dec
M-John L Bailey Jr
S-Brenton S. Wuchae

James K. Polk 759 (32)

Pineville
2nd Thursday
M-Brian K. Kirby
S-Randolph S. Richardson

Wilkerson College 760 (23)

Greensboro
2nd Saturday Feb/Apr/Jun/Aug/
Oct/Dec
M-Richard J. Smith
S-Chad E. Delp

Orphans 761 (13)

Oxford
2nd Saturday Mar/Jun/Oct/Dec
M-Raymond E. Edwards Jr
S-Thomas W. Allen Jr

Mosaic 762 (19)

Chapel Hill
3rd Tuesday
M-Stephen R. Barrell
S-J. Keith Morgan

Friendship 763 (20)

Broadway
2nd & 4th Tuesday
M-Justin T. Rosser
S-C. Christopher Tacia III

Knights of Solomon 764 (32)

Charlotte
3rd Saturday Jan/Apr/Jun/ Aug
2nd Saturday Nov
M-Troy A. Lineberger
S-William A. Mann

Ashlar 765 (12)

Hampstead
2nd Wednesday
M-Isaac B. Eddins
S-Jimmy M. Hunt Jr

Knights of Solomon 766 (4)

Jacksonville
3rd Saturday Jan/Apr/Jul/Oct/
2nd Saturday Dec
M-Robert J. Morrell Jr
S-Howard Kahn

Sophia 767 (28)

Salisbury
4th Wednesday Feb/Apr/Jun/Aug/Oct
3rd Wednesday Dec
M-Benjamin G. Wallace
S-Douglas E. Calhoun

Knights of Solomon 768 (15)

Holly Springs
1st Saturday Feb/May//Nov
2nd Saturday Jul/Sep
M-James W. Ferrell
S-Scott A. Rose

Veritas 769 (39)

Asheville
4th Wednesday Jan-Mar/May-Jul/Sep/
4th Monday Nov
M-Anthony J. Rathbone
S-Jack R. Barnett

State College 770 (15)

Raleigh
3rd Wednesday Jan-Oct/Dec
2nd Saturday Nov
M-Matthew C. Robbins
S-W. Mirl Austin

MESH 771 (23)

Greensboro
2nd Saturday
M-Eddie H. Moody Jr
S-Mark A. Kolada

Lux Libertas 772 (19)

Hillsborough
1st Saturday Feb/May/Aug/Nov
M-Dan C. Rice
S-O. William Faison

Lodge of the Nine Sisters UD (14)

Raleigh
3rd Saturday Jan/May/Sep/Nov
M-John G. Wallace
S-Richard T. Corbin

Abstract of Returns 2018

Lodge Name	Lodge Number	MM Start	Initiated	Raised	Affiliated	Reinstated	Merged In	Total Gain	Died	Demit	UMC	NPD	Expelled	Merged Out	Total Loss	Adjustment	Variance	MM End
St John's	0001	219	6	5	6	2	0	13	8	2	0	3	0	0	13	0	0	219
Royal White Hart	0002	52	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	50
St. John's	0003	255	2	2	1	1	0	4	8	5	0	7	0	0	20	0	1	240
St. John's	0004	85	1	0	0	1	0	1	5	1	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	80
Charity	0005	43	1	1	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	2	0	0	5	0	0	39
Unanimity	0007	49	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	47
Phoenix	0008	321	19	11	7	11	0	29	10	3	0	20	0	0	33	0	1	318
Johnston Caswell	0010	36	0	0	0	1	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	34
Caswell Brotherhood	0011	77	1	2	0	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	76
St. John's	0013	69	0	1	0	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	66
American George	0017	63	0	0	0	1	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	60
Eagle	0019	104	0	2	0	1	0	3	3	0	0	4	0	0	7	0	0	100
Statesville	0027	121	9	7	1	2	0	10	6	1	0	4	1	0	12	0	0	119
Phalanx	0031	241	2	2	1	1	0	4	8	3	0	7	0	0	18	0	-1	226
Stokes	0032	136	1	2	2	1	0	5	3	1	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	137
Davie	0039	74	0	0	1	1	0	2	6	0	0	4	0	0	10	0	0	66
Hiram	0040	152	3	0	0	2	0	2	4	0	0	7	0	0	11	0	0	143
Liberty	0045	120	2	3	1	0	0	4	3	1	0	1	0	0	5	0	0	119
Hall	0053	119	4	2	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	119
Concord	0058	68	1	0	0	3	0	3	2	1	0	4	0	0	7	0	0	64
Perseverance	0059	76	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	73
Kilwinning	0064	105	1	1	0	4	0	5	7	0	0	9	0	0	16	0	0	94
Widow's Son	0075	76	0	0	0	1	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	73
Greensboro	0076	83	6	6	0	1	0	7	2	4	0	5	0	0	11	0	1	80
Zion	0081	126	4	4	2	2	0	8	1	1	0	3	0	0	5	0	0	129
Lafayette	0083	178	6	7	0	4	0	11	3	1	0	13	0	0	17	0	0	172
Fellowship	0084	104	4	4	3	0	0	7	6	1	0	2	0	0	9	0	0	102
Morning Star	0085	92	4	1	1	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	92
Skewarkee	0090	76	0	1	0	0	0	1	5	0	0	2	0	0	7	0	0	70

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Sanford	0151	95	0	2	2	0	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	98
Scotch Ireland	0154	75	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	76
White Stone	0155	66	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	61
Knapp Of Reeds	0158	125	0	0	2	1	0	3	2	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	125
Yadkin	0162	105	1	0	3	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	106
Archer	0165	32	1	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	33
Winston	0167	60	2	1	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	58
Blackmer	0170	83	0	0	1	1	0	2	3	1	0	5	0	0	9	0	0	76
Buffalo	0172	92	3	0	1	1	0	2	8	2	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	84
Williams	0176	116	7	4	0	0	0	4	5	3	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	112
Carthage	0181	52	1	3	0	1	0	4	0	2	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	53
Central Cross	0187	38	0	0	1	0	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	34
Balfour	0188	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31
Chadbourn	0190	58	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	57
Granite	0191	86	1	2	1	0	0	3	3	2	0	1	0	0	6	0	0	83
Cary	0198	197	2	2	0	0	0	2	5	12	0	15	0	0	32	0	0	167
Cleveland	0202	129	2	1	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	3	0	0	6	0	0	124
Long Creek	0205	193	0	0	1	0	0	1	10	1	0	9	0	0	20	0	0	174
Mingo	0206	106	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	4	0	0	102
Lebanon	0207	130	1	0	0	1	0	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	127
Mt. Olive	0208	107	3	0	2	0	0	2	4	2	0	1	0	0	7	0	0	102
Eno	0210	60	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	59
Thomasville	0214	110	3	1	0	3	0	4	3	0	0	2	0	0	5	0	0	109
Catawba Valley	0217	214	3	7	1	0	0	8	4	0	0	7	0	0	11	0	0	211
William G. Hill	0218	122	0	2	0	0	0	2	5	3	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	116
Olin	0226	35	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	35
Henderson	0229	61	0	1	0	1	0	2	1	1	0	3	0	0	5	0	0	58
Corinthian	0230	150	1	1	0	1	0	2	7	0	0	5	0	0	12	0	0	140
William T. Bain	0231	100	6	3	0	2	0	5	2	6	0	7	0	0	15	0	0	90

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Raeford	0306	98	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	5	0	1	94
New Lebanon	0314	94	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	2	0	0	5	0	0	89
Eureka	0317	142	2	2	1	2	0	5	7	0	0	3	0	0	10	0	0	137
Wilmington	0319	255	11	7	5	5	0	17	6	3	0	7	0	0	16	0	0	256
Selma	0320	80	1	0	0	1	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	76
Granite	0322	143	0	2	0	2	0	4	3	1	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	143
Bayboro	0331	49	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	2	0	0	4	0	0	46
Fairview	0339	162	9	4	0	4	0	8	7	1	0	6	0	0	14	0	0	156
Harmony	0340	71	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	70
Hickory	0343	293	8	4	0	0	0	4	7	1	0	7	0	0	15	0	-1	281
Numa F. Reid	0344	88	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	1	0	0	5	0	0	83
Stanly	0348	95	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	2	0	0	5	0	0	90
Durham	0352	139	1	2	2	1	0	5	7	3	0	2	0	0	12	0	0	132
Fallston	0356	91	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	14	0	0	17	0	0	74
Bakersville	0357	75	4	0	0	1	0	1	3	0	0	1	0	0	4	0	0	72
East LaPorte	0358	54	2	1	1	0	0	2	4	0	0	1	0	0	5	0	0	51
Mount Vernon	0359	56	1	2	0	2	0	4	1	1	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	57
Snow	0363	189	5	1	0	1	0	2	10	3	0	7	0	0	20	0	0	171
Gastonia	0369	218	3	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	201	201	0	-19	0
Gastonia	0369	0	1	0	0	0	311	311	2	4	0	0	0	0	6	0	1	306
Ashler	0373	51	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	51
Campbell	0374	53	3	0	3	0	0	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	54
State Line	0375	71	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	4	0	0	6	0	0	65
Youngsville	0377	55	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	3	0	0	53
Seaboard	0378	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27
Coharie	0379	59	2	1	0	0	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	55
Granville	0380	40	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	3	0	0	38
Forest City	0381	109	3	5	0	0	0	5	2	1	0	1	0	0	4	0	0	110
Jefferson Penn	0384	119	2	2	1	2	0	5	5	3	0	4	0	0	12	0	0	112

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Enfield	0447	25	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26
Clyde	0453	43	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	4	0	1	40
Elkin	0454	117	3	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	116
Dillsboro	0459	57	0	1	0	0	0	1	3	1	0	2	0	0	6	0	0	52
Cliffside	0460	104	4	4	0	1	0	5	5	0	0	6	0	0	11	0	0	98
Matthews	0461	142	3	2	5	2	0	9	4	1	0	5	0	0	10	0	0	141
South Fork	0462	105	3	3	2	3	0	8	1	0	0	2	1	0	4	0	0	109
Currituck	0463	56	0	2	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	57
Grassy Knob	0471	37	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	37
Sonoma	0472	69	0	0	1	1	0	2	1	0	0	5	0	0	6	0	0	65
Lexington Memorial	0473	198	2	4	0	0	0	4	8	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	1	195
St. Pauls	0474	52	0	1	1	0	0	2	1	2	0	6	0	0	9	0	-1	44
Grimesland	0475	78	0	1	1	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	78
Rainbow	0479	65	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	65
Polk County Unity	0482	117	2	1	2	1	0	4	5	0	0	3	0	0	8	0	1	114
Traphill	0483	67	1	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	2	0	0	4	0	0	64
Southern Pines	0484	104	6	3	1	0	0	4	2	3	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	103
Lawndale	0486	51	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	52
Linville	0489	56	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	55
Hominy	0491	120	0	1	1	0	0	2	4	0	0	1	0	0	5	0	0	117
Thomas M. Holt	0492	114	2	2	3	1	0	6	2	1	0	2	0	0	5	0	-1	115
Pilot	0493	76	6	3	3	0	0	6	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	79
Rockingham	0495	110	12	7	2	2	0	11	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	117
Moorestville	0496	120	6	5	3	0	0	8	5	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	123
Royal Hart	0497	39	1	2	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	42
Ayden	0498	47	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	46
Creedmoor	0499	114	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	15	0	0	18	0	0	96
Raleigh	0500	104	5	0	0	0	0	5	2	4	0	10	0	0	16	0	1	94
Red Springs	0501	36	1	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	34

Cookville	170	1	1	0	3	0	4	2	0	0	3	0	0	5	0	0	169
Cherryville	184	6	5	4	2	0	11	10	0	0	6	0	0	16	0	0	179
Belhaven	78	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	2	0	2	0	0	6	0	1	74
Whetstone	192	10	6	3	2	0	11	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	201
Farmville	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	3	0	0	47
Widow's Son	82	2	1	0	1	0	2	3	1	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	80
Manteo	168	9	0	3	1	0	4	10	2	0	5	0	0	17	0	0	155
Rodgers	46	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	45
Lucama	53	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	54
Fairmont	83	4	3	0	0	0	3	4	1	0	2	0	0	7	0	0	79
Andrews	97	1	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	96
Hamlet	94	1	1	0	0	0	1	5	2	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	88
Camp Call	77	0	0	0	1	0	1	8	0	0	3	0	0	11	0	0	67
Hollis	103	0	0	3	0	0	3	4	1	0	0	0	0	5	0	-1	100
Corinthian	92	0	1	0	0	0	1	4	3	0	1	0	0	8	0	0	85
Spencer	79	0	0	1	1	0	2	4	2	0	0	0	0	6	0	1	76
Mount Holly	146	0	1	1	1	0	3	2	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	146
Roman Eagle	85	2	1	1	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	85
Glenville	37	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	39
Revolution	212	2	2	2	1	0	5	10	5	0	2	0	0	17	0	0	200
Vesper	137	2	3	0	1	0	4	11	0	0	5	0	0	16	0	0	125
Elise	72	1	0	2	1	0	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	67
Neill S. Stewart	82	1	2	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	83
Ararat	42	1	1	1	1	0	3	2	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	42
Swannanoa	45	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	2	0	0	4	0	0	42
Waxhaw	61	0	2	0	1	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	63
Tabar	80	1	1	0	2	0	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	81
Richlands	84	4	2	0	1	0	3	5	1	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	81
Wendell	58	2	1	2	0	0	3	1	1	0	3	0	0	5	0	1	57
Doric	174	1	3	2	0	0	5	9	0	0	2	0	0	11	0	0	168
Snow Creek	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	38
Mt. Pleasant	108	3	4	0	1	0	5	1	2	0	6	1	0	10	0	0	103
Andrew Jackson	190	4	2	2	0	0	4	7	0	0	5	0	0	12	0	0	182
Meadow Branch	62	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	4	0	0	6	0	0	57

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Casar	0579	103	4	3	0	4	0	7	4	0	0	2	0	0	6	0	0	104
Ionic	0583	110	0	0	2	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	111
Apex	0584	51	1	1	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	2	0	0	5	0	0	47
Roseboro	0585	54	0	1	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	4	0	0	7	0	0	48
Bethel	0589	27	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28
Lowell	0590	130	5	1	1	1	0	3	2	1	0	4	0	0	7	0	0	126
Maiden	0592	69	5	3	1	0	0	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	71
Stony Point	0593	54	1	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	53
Ashe	0594	150	2	1	2	4	0	7	4	0	0	1	0	0	5	0	0	152
Waccamaw	0596	55	1	2	1	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	55
Cranberry	0598	93	0	0	0	4	0	4	4	0	0	10	0	0	14	0	0	83
Queen City	0602	94	4	2	0	0	0	2	1	2	0	1	0	0	4	0	0	92
Riverside	0606	107	1	0	1	1	0	2	4	2	0	0	0	0	6	0	1	104
Zebulon	0609	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	28
Atkinson	0612	44	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45
Home	0613	33	3	2	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	2	0	0	5	0	0	30
Round Peak	0616	192	4	6	0	2	0	8	4	0	0	4	0	0	8	0	0	192
St Patrick's	0617	64	4	2	0	1	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	64
Union	0618	131	3	2	0	4	0	6	3	1	0	6	0	0	10	0	-1	126
John H. Mills	0624	36	2	1	0	1	0	2	3	0	0	4	0	0	7	0	0	31
Cannon Memorial	0626	127	13	9	12	3	0	24	3	3	0	3	0	0	9	0	0	142
Belmont	0627	102	4	2	2	0	0	4	5	1	0	3	1	0	10	0	1	97
Walnut Cove	0629	94	0	0	2	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	94
Goldsboro	0634	86	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	4	0	0	9	0	0	77
Yadkin Falls	0637	44	2	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	45
Proctorville	0643	62	0	0	1	0	0	11	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	63
Bladen	0646	131	2	4	4	3	0	3	3	0	0	3	0	0	6	0	0	136
Nichols-W. Asheville	0650	69	3	1	1	1	0	3	4	0	0	2	0	0	6	0	0	66
Elberta	0654	45	2	2	2	0	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	48

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Newport	0706	83	1	3	1	1	0	5	4	0	0	1	0	0	5	0	0	83
Forsyth	0707	78	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	6	0	0	8	0	0	71
Crown Point	0708	169	5	6	3	3	0	12	2	3	0	5	0	0	10	0	0	171
Conover	0709	115	1	4	1	2	0	7	2	3	0	2	0	0	7	0	0	115
Advance	0710	107	1	0	0	2	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	107
Wilson	0712	104	0	1	0	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	101
Stanley	0713	189	4	5	0	1	0	6	5	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	190
Liberty	0714	86	0	0	1	0	0	1	4	0	0	3	0	0	7	0	0	80
Derita	0715	171	0	1	0	1	0	2	7	2	0	3	0	0	12	0	0	161
Burnsville	0717	83	1	2	2	2	0	6	3	2	0	1	0	0	6	0	-2	81
Troy	0718	47	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	3	0	0	44
Cabarrus	0720	123	1	1	0	3	0	4	6	2	0	5	0	0	13	0	0	114
King	0722	87	2	0	0	1	0	1	5	1	0	4	1	0	11	0	0	77
Winton	0723	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	0	25
Berne	0724	178	1	0	8	1	0	9	12	1	0	12	0	0	25	0	0	162
Grantham	0725	123	1	0	1	0	0	1	4	1	0	5	0	0	10	0	0	114
Shallotte	0727	285	5	4	7	2	0	13	6	0	0	10	0	0	16	0	0	282
Stedman	0730	119	2	1	1	1	0	3	3	0	0	1	0	0	4	0	0	118
Bush Hill	0732	69	7	4	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	74
Stump Sound	0733	70	4	2	2	0	0	4	9	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	65
William Pitt	0734	51	0	1	0	1	0	2	3	2	0	2	0	0	7	0	0	46
James B. Green	0735	117	2	2	1	1	0	4	4	0	0	3	0	0	7	0	0	114
New River	0736	83	0	0	1	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	83
Steele Creek	0737	196	7	6	3	2	0	11	4	0	0	0	2	0	6	0	0	201
West Gate	0738	291	3	3	0	4	0	7	12	3	0	4	0	0	19	0	0	279
Newell	0739	123	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	120
Charles B. Newcomb	0740	31	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	30
Crissie Wright	0741	156	4	1	3	0	0	4	2	0	0	6	0	0	8	0	0	152
Mint Hill	0742	284	0	2	0	3	0	5	9	0	0	16	0	0	25	0	0	264

**Roster of Awards of
Joseph Montfort Medals
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1940

Melvin Maynard Johnson, Past Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts
John Huske Anderson, PGM, Grand Secretary (Phoenix Lodge 8)
Thomas Joshua Harkins, PGM (Mt. Hermon Lodge 118)

1941

Raymond Cromwell Dunn, PGM (Enfield Lodge 447)
Charles Bailey Newcomb, PGM (St. John's Lodge 1)
John Edward Allen, PGM (Johnston Caswell Lodge 10)

1942

William Moseley Brown, Past Grand Master of Masons in Virginia
Alexander Boyd Andrews, PGM (William G. Hill Lodge 218)
William Ritchie Smith, Past Master (Raleigh Lodge 500)

1943

Herbert Claude Alexander, PGM, Grand Treasurer (Phalanx Lodge 31)
Watson Newberry Sherrod, PGM (Enfield Lodge 447)
Charles Patterson Eldridge, PGM (William G. Hill Lodge 218)

1944

Hubert McNeil Poteat, PGM (Wake Forest Lodge 282)
James Giles Hudson, PGM (Andrew Jackson Lodge 576)
Creasy Kinion Proctor, Past Master (Hiram Lodge 40)

1945

John Henry Cowles, Past Grand Master in Kentucky
Edgar Walter Timberlake, Jr., PGM (Wake Forest Lodge 282)
F.W. Moody White, Past Master (Royal White Hart Lodge 2)

1946

John Wallace Winborne, PGM (Mystic Tie Lodge 237)
James Edward Shipman, PGM (Kedron Lodge 387)
Julius C. Hobbs, PGM (St. John's Lodge 1)

1947

Carl Harry Claudy, PGM in Washington, D.C., Executive Secretary of MSA
George Richard Bennette, Superintendent of MESH (Greensboro Lodge 76)

Wilbur LeRoy McIver, Past Master, Grand Secretary (Sanford Lodge 151)

1948

John Raymond Shute, Past Master (North Carolina Lodge of Research 666)

Roger Keith, Grand Master in Massachusetts

Maxwell Ellis Hoffman, Deputy Grand Master (Mt. Hermon Lodge 118)

1949

Luther Thompson Hartsell, Jr., PGM (Stokes Lodge 32)

William James Bundy, PGM (Greenville Lodge 284)

John Rufus McCracken, Past Master (Waynesville Lodge 259)

1950

James Walker Payne, PGM (Spencer Lodge 543)

Frank Mullen Pinnix, Editor of *The Orphan's Friend and Masonic Journal*
(Oxford Lodge 122)

Oliver Franklin Hart, PGM & Grand Secretary in South Carolina

1951

Fred Clinton Kinzie, Grand Lecturer (Spindale Lodge 673)

Hugh Williamson Prince, Past Master (Palmyra Lodge 147)

Enoch Dorran Flowers, Past Grand Master in Virginia

1952

Wallace Everett Caldwell, PGM (University Lodge 408)

Harrison Kauffman, Past Master (Hiram Lodge 40)

Samuel Newman Boyce, Past Maser (Gastonia Lodge 369)

1953

Herbert Miles Foy, PGM (Granite Lodge 322)

Edwin Walker Yates, Past Master (William G. Hill Lodge 218)

James Noah Hillman, PGM & Grand Secretary in Virginia

1954

William Henry White, PGM (Sanford Lodge 151)

Rudolph Reynolds Cooke, Past Grand Master in Virginia

Claude Babington Squires (Joppa Lodge No. 530)

1955

Edwin Turlington Howard, PGM (Numa F. Reid Lodge 344)

A.D. Leon Gray, PM, Superintendent, Oxford Orphanage (Oxford Lodge 122)

John Edward Rooker, Jr. Past Master (Johnston Caswell Lodge 10)

1956

John H. Parker, Secretary-Recorder of York Rite in NC
A.J.M. Wannamaker, Past Grand Master in South Carolina
Robert Lee Pugh, PGM (Doric Lodge 568)

1957

Charles Harrison Pugh, PGM (Gastonia Lodge 369)
Henry Fitzhugh Collins, PGM & Grand Secretary in South Carolina
Charles Trenholm McClenaghan, Past Master (William G. Hill Lodge 218)

1958

John Catlett Vance, PGM (Mt. Hermon Lodge 118)
Frank S. Land, Founder & Secretary-General of the Order of DeMolay
Leon Godown, Past Master of Stokes Lodge 32, Editor of *The Orphan's
Friend and Masonic Journal*

1959

John Irving Smith, Past Grand Master in South Carolina
Adam Andrew Husman, Past Master (Hiram Lodge 40)

1960

Luther A. Smith, Past Grand Master in Mississippi
James Guy Johnston, PGM (Excelsior Lodge 261)
Norwood Price Parker, Past Master (Hiram Lodge 98)

1961

Percy Clifton Storr, Past Master (Wendell Lodge 565)
Haywood Sherrill King, Sr., Past Master (Wilmington Lodge 319)
Berl Maurice Kahn, Past Master (Wayne Lodge 112)
Thomas Milton Funk, Past Master (Mooresville Lodge 496)
Charles Anderson Harris, PGM, Grand Secretary (Person Lodge 113)

1962

Harvey Ward Smith, PGM (Franklin Lodge 109)
Troy Garren Robbins, Superintendent of MESH (P.P. Turner Lodge 746)
Harry S. Truman, PGM in Missouri, Former President of the United States
Richard Harvey Lucas, Past Master (Perseverance Lodge 59)
James Jay Gilbert (Greenville Lodge 284)

1963

Thomas Earl Doss, PGM & Grand Secretary in Tennessee
James Woodrow Brewer, PGM & Grand Treasurer (Crown Point Lodge 708)
Herbert Noble, Past Master (John A. Nichols Lodge 650)

Reuben Barnitz, Past Master & Secretary (Mount Hermon Lodge 118)

Lloyd Lester Woolley, Secretary (Southern Pines Lodge 484)

1964

Charles Carpenter Ricker, PGM (Mt. Hermon Lodge 118)

William Eli Hand, PGM (St. John's Lodge 1)

Andrew J. White, Jr., PGM & Secretary in Ohio

Samuel W. McIntosh, Past Grand Master in Washington, D.C.

Martin H. Kinsinger, Past Grand Master in Maryland

1965

William Edward Burrier, PGM (Phalanx Lodge 31)

Raymond M. Rideout, Past Grand Master in Maine

Marion Tillett Ross, Past Master (St. John's Lodge 1)

Herbert Delno Holland, Past Master (Asheboro Lodge 699)

John D. Cunningham, former Executive Secretary of the MSA

1966

Louis Philip Guigou, Past Master (Lovelady Lodge 670)

Earley Winfred Bridges, Past Master (Greensboro Lodge 76)

Harry Miller Bryant, Sr., Past Potentate, Oasis Shrine Temple

Robert Norman Bass, Jr., Junior Grand Warden (Millbrook Lodge 97)

George Dudley Humphrey, PGM (St. John's Lodge 1)

1967

James Paul Kelly, Past Master of Sparta Lodge 423, DDGM 49th District

Samuel Andrew Hennis, Jr., PGM (Granite Lodge 322)

Edgar Floyd Dunn, Past Master (Roman Eagle Lodge 550)

1968

Reynold Slade Davenport, PM of Semper Fidelis Lodge 680, PDDGM

Charles Taylor Potter, Grand Lexturer (St. John's Lodge 3)

Edward Paul, Past Master (Doric Lodge 568)

1969

Emery Byrd Denny, PM of Holland Memorial Lodge 668, GL Judge Advocate

Edward Denny Austin, Past Master (Greenville Lodge 284)

Alfred Albrecht Kafer, Jr., PGM (St. John's Lodge 3)

1970

Arnold Jackson Koonce, Sr., PGM (Hiram Lodge 716)

Fred Farley Harding, Grand Tyler (Raleigh Lodge 500)

Robert Pete Dudle, PM of Cleveland Lodge 202, Asst. to the Grand Secretary

1971

Ira Boyd Hopkins, PM of Elkin Lodge 454, 47th Dist. Education Chairman
William Arthur Hooks, PGM (Fellowship Lodge 84)
Thomas Gorbell Slate, PM of Phoenix Lodge 8, PDDGM

1972

Ava Clarence Honeycutt, Past Master (Hiram Lodge 40)
William Thomas Hatch, PM of Millbrook Lodge 97, GL Judge Advocate
Maurice Elledge Walsh, PGM (North Wilkesboro Lodge 407)

1973

Kedar D. Pyatt, Past Master (Wayne Lodge 112)
William Watson Mims, Jr., PGM (Joppa Lodge 530)
Earl McIntosh Noe, Past Master (Franklin Lodge 109)

1974

Nelson Bryan Banks, PM of Berne Lodge 724, Recorder of Sudan Temple
William Knox Price, PM of Excelsior Lodge 261, Past Grand Lecturer
Russell Gold Laughridge, Secretary (Cleveland Lodge 202)

1975

Louis Willner Shrier, Past Master (St. John's Lodge 1)
Emett David Chandler, Past Master (Mt. Hermon Lodge 118)
Wilbourne Mason Smith, Past Master (Eureka Lodge 317)

1976

James Earl Watson, Deputy Grand Master (Renfro Lodge 691)
William Edmund Fulmer, PM of Snow Lodge 363, PDDGM
Jesse Richard Laughinghouse (Crown Point Lodge 708)

1977

James W. Stubbs, Grand Secretary of the United Grand Lodge of England
Joseph Warren Gilbert, Past Master & Past Secretary (Grifton Lodge 243)
Karel Murrell Linville (Kernersville Lodge 669)

1978

Stephen Franklin Noble, Jr., PGM (St. John's Lodge 3)
Leslie Holland Garner, PGM (Crown Point Lodge 708)
Marvin D. Wilson, Grand Tyler (Doric Lodge 568)

1979

Richard Joseph Parker, Jr., Past Master (Excelsior Lodge 261)
Kolen Flack, PM of Oconee Lodge 427, Grand Lecturer

Robert Lee Winston, PM of Adoniram Lodge 149, Superintendent of Oxford Orphanage

1980

William Arthur Langley, PM of Garner Lodge 701, PDDGM

William Lee Mills, Jr., PGM (Stokes 32)

John Elwood Herschleb (Excelsior Lodge 261)

1981

Nathaniel Cook Dean, PGM (Pee Dee Lodge 150)

William Bernhard Bellois, PGM (St. John's Lodge 1)

William Stephen Aldridge, Jr., Past Master (Stanly Lodge 348)

1982

(None presented due to the death of Grand Master Nelson B. Banks)

1983

Cecil Johnson Liverman, Deputy Grand Master (American George Lodge 17)

Charles Eugene Scott, Jr., Past Master (Salem Lodge 289)

Otto Neustadt, Past Master (Hiram Lodge 40)

1984

Albert Eugene Hill, Past Master & Secretary (American George Lodge 17)

Tyree James Callihan, Past Master & Secretary (Royal Hart Lodge 497)

William David Ford, Past Master (Oxford Lodge 122)

1985

Eddie Phillips Stiles, Jr., Senior Grand Warden (Apex Lodge 584)

Allen Gorham Colenda, Past Master (Oxford Lodge 122)

Frederick Graham Speidel, Grand Orator (Raleigh Lodge 500)

1986

Everette Stansil Aldridge, PGM (Stanly Lodge 348)

Jacob Clyde Goodman, Jr., PGM (Excelsior Lodge 261)

Dewey James O'Kelley, Past Master (Mt. Hermon Lodge 118)

1987

Robert Weldon Adams, Past Master (Joppa Lodge 530)

Durwood Scott Weston, Past Master (Orr Lodge 104)

James Beauford Kiser, Past Master (Friendship Lodge 700)

1988

David Bryan Sentelle (Excelsior Lodge 261)

Travis Bryan Cox (Oxford Lodge 122)

Tommy Leon Jones, Superintendent of MESH (P.P. Turner 746)

1989

Herbert Lloyd Wilkerson, PM of Semper Fidelis Lodge 680, Grand Orator

Thurman Bruce Boyette, Past Master (Wilson Lodge 712)

Jack Griggs White, Past Master (Doric Lodge 568)

1990

Gerry Theodore Smith, Sr., Past Master (Crissie Wright Lodge 741)

Delmas Tharrington Willimas, Past Master (Garner Lodge 701)

Chalres Thomas Robbins, Jr., Past Master (Corinthian Lodge 542)

1991

Harold Clayton Gibson, Past Master & Secretary (Laurinburg Lodge 305)

James Monroe Joines, PM & Past Secretary (Mt. Pleasant Lodge 573)

Jerry Gordon Tart, PGM (Corinthian Lodge 542)

1992

Shields Jolly, Jr., Past Master & Secretary (Lee Lodge 253)

Albert Bennett Gobble, Past Master & Secretary (Lexington Lodge 473)

Francis McMordie, Past Master & Secretary (West Bend Lodge 434)

1993

David Ronald Grissom, Supt. of Oxford Orphanage (Oxford Lodge 122)

Norburn Creighton Hyatt, PGM (Mt. Hermon Lodge 118)

Edwin Paul Martin, Past Master (Waynesville 259)

1994

William Theodore Cope, Past Master (Stanley Lodge 713)

Carl James Weisel, Jr., Past Master (Stokes Lodge 32)

Joseph Allan Suther, Past Master (Hibriten Lodge 262)

1995

Earle Rupert Purser, Past Master (Garner Lodge 701)

Donald Lawrence Sizemore, Past Master & Secretary (Oxford Lodge 122)

Robert Lloyd Young, Past Master (Cary Lodge 198)

1996

Edward Douglas Hartsell, Past Master & Secretary (Crown Point Lodge 708)

Robert LaFayette Martin, Past Master (Bethel Lodge 589)

Lee Roy Thomas, Jr., PGM (Doric Lodge 568)

1997

Hubert Vernon Massengill, Past Master (Troy Lodge 718)

Joseph Charles Saunders, Past Master of Hiram Lodge 40, PDDGM

Ray McFayden Comer, Past Master of Stokesdale Lodge 428, PDDGM

1998

Theophilus Walton Clapp, III, Grand Secretary (Mystic Tie Lodge 237)

Ottis Reynolds Jefferson, Jr., Past Master & Secretary (Franklin Lodge 109)

Bunn Tate Phillips, Jr., PGM (Rockingham Lodge 495)

1999

William Franklin Meacham, Past Mater (Keller Memorial Lodge 657)

Colonel Dwight Blackburn, Past Master (Trap Hill Lodge 483)

Richard Edward Carter, Editor of *The North Carolina Mason*, Assistant to the Grand Secretary, Past Master of Washington Lodge 675

2000

Walter Julian Klein (Excelsior Lodge 261)

John Sutton Miller, Jr. (Joppa Lodge 530)

James Grubbs Martin, former North Carolina Governor (Phalanx Lodge 31)

2000 (Special Communication)

David Lee Hargett, Past Master (Monroe Lodge 244)

Ray Norris, PGM (Waynesville Lodge 259)

Carl McCracken, Past Master in Waynesville Lodge 259, PDDGM

2001

Ronnie Stewart, PaM in Charles B. Newcomb Lodge 740, GL Judge Advocate

Ralph Nelson Weaver, Past Master (Mill Creek Lodge 125)

Starkey Stokes Shaw, Past Master (Richlands Lodge 564)

2002

Clifton White Everette, Jr., PGM, Grand Treasurer (Crown Point Lodge 708)

Douglas Spencer Moore, Sr., Board of General Purposes (Monroe Lodge 244)

Jessie Alexander Helms (Raleigh Lodge 500)

2003

William Henry Simpson, PGM (Stokesdale Lodge 428)

George Franklin Jones, Past Master (Orient Lodge 395)

William Lee Mills, III, Past Deputy Grand Master (Stokes Lodge 32)

2004

Dan Paul Weatherington, Past Master (Wilson Lodge 712)
Thomas Warren Gregory, PGM (Statesville Lodge 27)
William Dallas Herring (Rehoboth Lodge 279)

2005

Charles Albert Lewis, Jr., PGM (St. John's Lodge 1)
Joseph John Vale, Past Master (Lowell Lodge 590)
Alvin Leonard Hardy, PM in Snow Lodge 363, Grand Lodge Webmaster

2006

William Bailey Brunk, PGM (Hiram Lodge 40)
William Graham Mathis, PGM (King Solomon Lodge 138)
Clarence Eugene Jernigan, Past Master (Mingo Lodge 206)

2007

Charles Edward Cathey, PGM (Sonoma Lodge 472)
Dolan Allen Surratt, Grand Lecturer (Denton Lodge 404)
Dennis Lee Cook, Past Grand Commander Knights Templar in NC
(Kilwinning Lodge 64)

2008

Harold Ray Authurs, Past Master (Campbell Lodge 374)
Mitchell Leroy Spruill, DDGL - 1st District (Unanimity Lodge 7)
Joseph Adeniranye Adegboyega, Master (Piedmont-Pioneer Lodge 685)

2009

Thomas Olin Eller, Past Master (Eureka Lodge 283)
James Allen Hughes (Oxford Lodge 122)
Christopher Scott Richardson, Past Master (Oxford Lodge 122)

2010

John Robert Edwards, Sr., Past Master (Doric Lodge 568)
Leonard Yearby Safrit, Jr., PGM (Franklin Lodge 109)
Jerry Reginald Tillett, PGM (Manteo Lodge 521)

2011

Joseph Kirkman Transou, Past Master (West Bend Lodge 434)
Dan Charles Rice, PGM (Bula Lodge 409)
Claude Evert Childress, Past Master (Traphill Lodge 483)

2012

Samuel Richard Pollard, Past Master (Albemarle Lodge 703)

Michael Wiley Brantley, Grand Historian (Raleigh Lodge 500)

Johnny Craig Surles, DDGM - 7th District (Zion Lodge 81)

2013

Floyd Monk Burton, Past Master (Andrew Jackson Lodge 576)

John David Cashion, Past Master (Blue Ridge Lodge 435)

Graham Wiles Pervier, PGM (Forsyth Lodge 707)

2014

Edwin Craig Howard, Past Master in Coharie 379, PDDGM

James Luigi Ammons, Past Grand Lecturer (Millbrook Lodge 97)

Gene Tart Jernigan, PGM (Mingo Lodge 206)

2015

Keith Bradley Rash, Grand Lecturer (Harmony Lodge 299)

Lewis Ray Ledford, PGM, Grand Treasurer (Statesville Lodge 27)

James Stephen Lynch, Past Grand Tyler (Eagle Lodge 19)

2016

Lester Poindexter Martin, Jr., PGM (Mocksville Lodge 134)

John Marvin Burchfield, Grand Lecturer (Black Mountain Lodge 663)

Mark Andrew Kolada, Secretary (MESH Lodge 771)

2017

Bryant Deleron Webster, PGM (Nichols-W. Asheville Lodge 650)

Oscar A. Keller, Jr., Past Master (Buffalo Lodge 172)

William Richardson Davie (posthumous), PGM (Royal White Hart Lodge 2)**

2018

Arnold Gene Cobb, Jr., PGM (Royal White Hart Lodge 2)

James Loyd Medlin, Past Senior Grand Steward (Fairview Lodge 339)

Gary Dean Handy, Past Master (Walnut Cove Lodge 629), PDDGM

Appendices for
The Prevalence of Clandestine Freemasonry in the U.S.

Appendix A: Historical Sketch– Constitution, Bylaws & General Regulations of Hiram Grand Lodge AFAM Inc State of New York

On Aug 20, 1908 three Lodges, Keystone #1 chartered by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, MW HT Brodis Grand Master, Seneca Lodge #2 chartered by the GL of Illinois, MW John G. Jones Grand Master and St John Lodge #3 chartered by the GL of Mass. MW H.C. Scott Grand Master, met in a place called Abbots Hall located in the city of Buffalo, State of NY, and organized Hiram GL of AFAM. The meeting was presided over by MW John G Jones, Grand Master of the Illinois GL. The first group of officers for the Grand Lodge were:

MW Benjamin Lane GM, RW Clem Smith DGM, RW Robert Buree GSW,
RW Charles Chatman GJW, RW Washington Takett GS, RW Joseph
Moon, GT

Representatives of Hiram Lodge were seated in the General Grand Masonic Congress in 1910 at New Orleans, La, presided over by Gen Ill James H. Magee. Hiram continued to progress in stature and reputation and became one of the most prominent and influential Grand Lodges in the country.

MW WT Meade Grant Sr visited NY shortly after his election to President General of the General Grand Masonic Congress in 1912. During his visit President General Grant stated "As far as colored Masons are concerned, the Hiram Grand Lodge is the only one wherein its Master Masons are received in the bosom of ALL REGULAR MASONIC LODGES throughout the globe. My first official act at the Congress session in 1912 in Boston, was to proclaim to the world that the Hiram Grand Lodge of NY was the only regular and legal Grand Lodge among colored Masons of the State of NY and they were presented with a regular sheepskin charter in 1908 that would stand the test wherever it was presented"

Hiram Grand Lodge soon gained wide respect among the Masonic Community of America and the world. At the General Grand Masonic Congress' Session held at Boston in 1912 an invitation was received from the Intl Masonic Congress of the World requesting that delegates for the USA attend the International Session at Luxembourg in September of that year.

Four delegates were chosen to attend the Intl meeting which was presided over by the Ill Brother Joseph Junck of Germany. Representing the General Grand Masonic Congress and the US were MW JC White of Mass, Ill John G Jones MPSGC, MW WT Meade Grant Sr, Pres Gen GMC and MW Johnson J Burnell, Grand Master of the now powerful Hiram Grand Lodge of NY. Since the inception of Hiram Grand Lodge, its members and leaders have always held dear the Landmarks of Freemasonry, the purposes and principle tenets of the order, the sovereignty of the Grand Lodge and the dream of unity.

One June 26th, 1971, at a general convention held at 441 Willoughby Avenue, Brooklyn NY, the following Grand Lodge jurisdictions entered into certain Articles of Agreement and were united under the unanimously accepted Banner of Hiram Grand Lodge of AF&AM Inc State of New York:

Alpha Grand Lodge MW P. Ira Weston, Grand Master
Hiram Grand Lodge MW David E. Jamison, Grand Master
Orient Grand Lodge MW Sylvester Owens, Grand Master
Universal Grand Lodge MW Edwin Sturupp, Grand Master

Appendix B: Historical Roots of the Most Worshipful King Solomon Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York, and its Masonic Jurisdiction

Shortly after the turn of the century, there was a Consistory of Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret, belonging to the Jurisdiction of the United Supreme Council, A.A.S.R., residing in the Niagara Falls area of New York. These members were all members of our Affiliated Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, which was at that time, known as the Hiram Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

One of their members, the Illustrious. Jesse B. Thornton 33^o was appointed Deputy Sovereign Grand Inspector General for the Valley of New York, and also as an Organizing Deputy for the Hiram Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, for the State of New York.

Deputy Thornton, through the years of 1904 through 1906, did indeed organize four (4) Master Mason Lodges (affectionately referred to as “Blue Lodges”) in the Buffalo area of New York. These four lodges were named Hiram No. 1, Gideon No. 2, Mount Moriah No. 3 and King Solomon No. 4. . They were in the process of making the necessary preparations in order to form a Grand Lodge, however, they were taken to civil court by Masons, from another Jurisdiction, to question their legality.

On July 16, 1906, in Charlotte, New York, Judge Levery, the presiding judge in the matter at that time, decreed that Deputy Thornton and the Hiram Grand Lodge had every Masonic right to proceed to organize a Grand Lodge. Accordingly, on July 18, 1906, The Most Worshipful King Solomon Grand Lodge, A.F. & A. M. was duly organized, at 12th and East Falls Street, Niagara Falls, New York. The Grand Lodge was incorporated on November 1, 1907, and was the first Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons to be incorporated in the state of New York.

As Grand Master, Hon. Jesse B. Thornton continued to preside as Grand Master through the usual trials and tribulations that small, struggling organizations undergo, until the year 1919, when the M.W. John H. Smith, a civic minded and prominent Masonic scholar was elected as our second Most Worshipful Grand Master. The election was held at the Stoval’s Hall, (also known as the Odd Fellows Hall) at 2154 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

During the administration of John H. Smith, the Most Worshipful King Solomon Grand Lodge began to acquire status and receive recognition. It was during the Hon. John H. Smith’s tenure, that our first Masonic home was purchased at 71 – 73 West 131st Street. Our “Old Timers” in the organization, speak of many fond memories of those days. The M.W. John H. Smith served an exemplary career as Grand Master until his death on November 6, 1932. The Hon. John H. Smith also had the distinguished honor of serving as the Imperial Grand Potentate of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of our Affiliation.

Appendix C: A Short History Of The Most Worshipful Omega Grand Lodge AF&AM New York State Fraternally Incorporated

The Most Worshipful Omega Grand Lodge came into existence after some of the Brothers wanting to wanted more than what was being offered by the Lodge at the time The first discussion on the forming of a new Grand Lodge took place on Sunday July 05, 1970 at the home of Brother Charles Jacobs. A lodge that would truly be what masonry is suppose to be.

Present at this first meeting were the following Brothers:

Henry Jefferson, Paul Garner, Paul Young, Charles Jones, Eustace Jones, Walter Young, Richard Davis, Remus Hunter, Bingham Patton, Ruffin Green

The consensus was that there should be an organization that would make a difference and it should be led by men that in fact wanted to make a difference, not only amongst themselves but also in the community at large. Brother Jacobs was asked to be the first Grand Master of the new lodge. He said he would consider doing this, but would have to speak to some other Brothers who could be of help to him.

Brother Jefferson came up with the name OMEGA, when asked why, he said it should be the 'last chance for a decent Grand Lodge in New York'. All the Brothers agreed on this name. Brother Jefferson also said that no Lodge in New York was incorporated and he felt that this new Lodge should be.

The First meeting of the Omega Grand Lodge of New York was held on August 8, 1970 in room 210, at 181 w. 135th street in New York City. It was here that Bro. Jacobs, was introduced as the Grand Master, to all the Brothers. Present at this meeting were the following Lodges. A.J.Jones Lodge #1, Omega Lodge #2, Jacob Ladder Lodge #3, a total of 20 Brothers were present for this initial meeting.

A petition was made to the Enoch Grand Lodge of California for a patent to work and organize a grand Lodge, this was done with the Grand Master Joseph S. Pough. On October 16, 1970, the Most Worshipful Omega Grand Lodge was installed by the Honorable Joseph S. Pough, in ceremony held at 160 W 129th Street in New York City. Initially three lodges formed the quorum, A. J. Jones Lodge # 1 (formerly Lebanon Lodge #1) of Staten Island, Omega Lodge #2, and Westgate Lodge #3.

The Officers of the new Grand Lodge were:

MW Grand Master Charles Jacobs

RW Dep. Gr. Master Ruffin Green

RW Gr. Sr. Warden Richard Davis

RW Gr. Jr. Warden Paul Young

RW Gr. Treasurer Bingham Patton

RW Gr. Secretary Henry Jefferson

All were duly installed by the MW Grand Master Joseph S. Pough of Enoch Grand Lodge of California. And the Lodge was thus consecrated and made whole. Ready for work. The Grand Master outlined his program. First order of business was to affiliate with the United Supreme Council of California, Sov. Gr. Commander the Illustrious, Joseph S. Pough, 33'. A trip was organized to attend the meeting of the Council, he was

accompanied by Brother Paul Young.

The Brothers then proceeded to build on the foundation that they had set for themselves. Building a better Grand Lodge and better men. After the Grand Lodge was set up and functioning the Oriental Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star, who were also looking for a new Grand Lodge to be affiliated with asked to come under the umbrella of the Most Worshipful Omega Grand Lodge. All Brother agreed to this and the Sister joined the Brothers.

At its third communication The Omega Grand Lodge was composed as follows:

A.J. JONES Lodge #1, 57 BROTHERS

Omega Lodge #2, 40 Brothers

Westgate Lodge #3, 17 Brothers

Lester Lodge # 4(Buffalo, NY), 21 Brothers

Celestial Brotherhood Lodge #5, 28 Brothers

Honor Lodge #6, 48 Brothers

Martin Luther King Lodge #7 (Buffalo, NY), 38 Brothers

Sons of Light Lodge #10, 21 Brothers

Aaron Lodge #11, 8 Brothers

Alpha Lodge #8, 5 Brothers

These are the Lodges that started the Grand Lodge on its way to make a difference in New York Masonic Community. From that time to the present the Omega Grand Lodge has continued to make it's presence known. There have been many changes. There have been many setbacks. There have been many controversies and adversities, but still the Grand Lodge continues.